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NAZI NEW YEAR DAY RAIDS ON NAVY

London, To-day.

YESTERDAY, THE FIRST day of the New Year, witnessed the resumption of German air raids on Scotland and the Shetlands, where ships of the Royal Navy were the object of the attack.

The first aerial combat of the New Year occurred off the east coast of Scotland, when R.A.F. fighters fought a running battle with German bombers.

Three R.A.F. planes engaged two Nazi bombers. The fight lasted half an hour, and one of the raiders was brought down.

SECOND CANADIAN ARMY IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

Canada's second contingent of troops landed on Sunday at a West Coast port, lustily singing "Roll Out the Barrel" and "Tipperary" as they marched ashore.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, officially welcomed the force, which is almost an army in itself and includes artillery from Winnipeg and Montreal; engineers from Toronto and Halifax; signallers. Army Service Corps, Ambulance and Infantry Brigades — including killed Scottish regiments with a pipe band. Mr. Eden, in his speech of welcome, said that the nation from the New World is helping to challenge tyranny in the Old.

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GRAND SPIRITS

The landing was made in cold grey weather but the men were in grand

The Nazi aircraft, riddled with bullets, dived into the sea out of control.

When the craft was nearing the water one of the crew jumped out. His parachute opened but he was killed. The rest of the crew perished in the plane.

Two R.A.F. planes engaged the remaining two bombers, which, after being repeatedly hit, turned away and made for home.

SHETLANDS RAID

Another raid on the Shetlands, by two Nazi planes, proved equally unsuccessful, one of the raiders being brought down.

A joint Admiralty and Air Ministry communique says that two enemy planes dropped bombs, but no hits were registered on British warships.

POWER-DIVE ON WARSHIP

On of the raiders power-dived on a warship and dropped bombs. All missed and no damage was done.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire from the warships drove the enemy off.

A destroyer made an unsuccessful search east of the Shetlands for one of the Nazi bombers which had been brought down.

Sole result of the raid was the killing of three sheep!—Reuter.

NO CASUALTIES

A joint Admiralty and Air Ministry communique states that hostile aircraft were sighted over the Shetlands yesterday morning.

Two bombs were dropped; there were no hits on British warships and no casualties.

Fighter patrols and anti-aircraft guns were in action, and it is believed one German aircraft was brought down.

One German plane power-dived right down to a warship and dropped bombs without result.

The warship's anti-aircraft guns directed a heavy fire on the attacker, which flattened out and flew off.—Reuter.

spirits as they came ashore in tenders from the troopships, singing and cheering.

They were greeted by Mr. Vincent Massey (Canadian High Commissioner), Sir John Gilmour (Minister of Shipping) and many army and navy officers. — Reuter.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR "ON LEAVE"

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Government has asked its Ambassador in Moscow to "return on leave."

This development follows the withdrawal of the Soviet Ambassador in Rome owing to anti-Russian demonstrations outside the Embassy.—Reuter.

NAZI ARMY ADVICE TO HITLER

London, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the German army chiefs advised Hitler to postpone the large-scale offensive on the western front for a year, owing to the inferior quality of the new German war material, which has been revealed during the limited operations on the front.

Hitler's advisers insisted on the necessity for strenuous efforts to improve the artillery.—Havas.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Washington, To-day.

Her Majesty the Queen of England has been nominated "Woman of the Year" by the Washington Merry-go-Round, which is a syndicated column to 400 newspapers.

The column states that the reason for this is "because, arriving in an aloof and critical country, she completely conquered it and accomplished the conquest by being her natural self."—Reuter.

REVENGE BOMBING

London, To-day.

A bomb was thrown into the central fire station at Londonderry, in Ulster, last night.

The bomb shattered windows, wrecked the ceiling of the fire engine shed and slightly damaged one engine, but nobody was hurt.

It is believed the outrage was a reprisal for men from this fire station having, under police instructions, turned hoses on Republican prisoners to quell the disturbance in Londonderry gaol on Christmas Day.—Reuter.

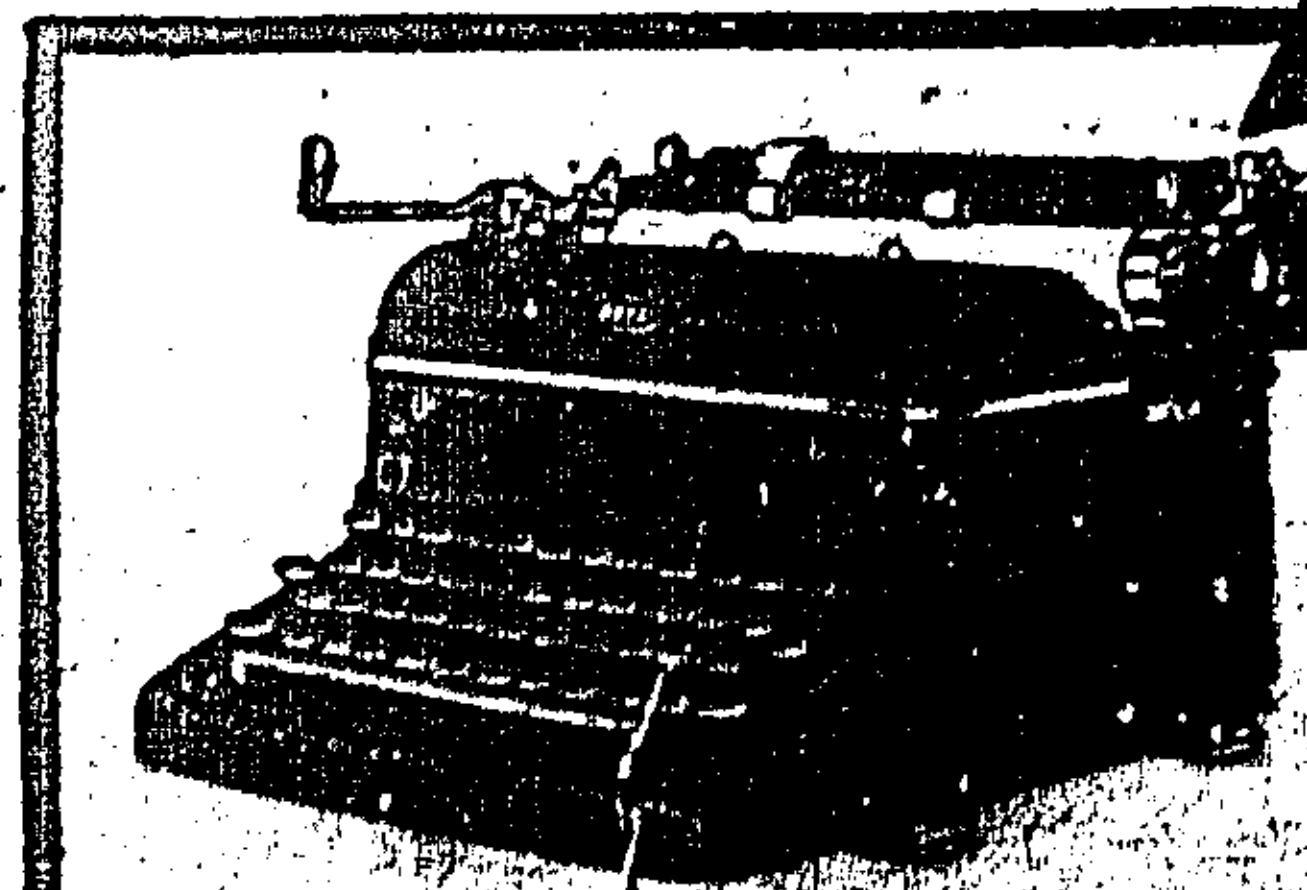


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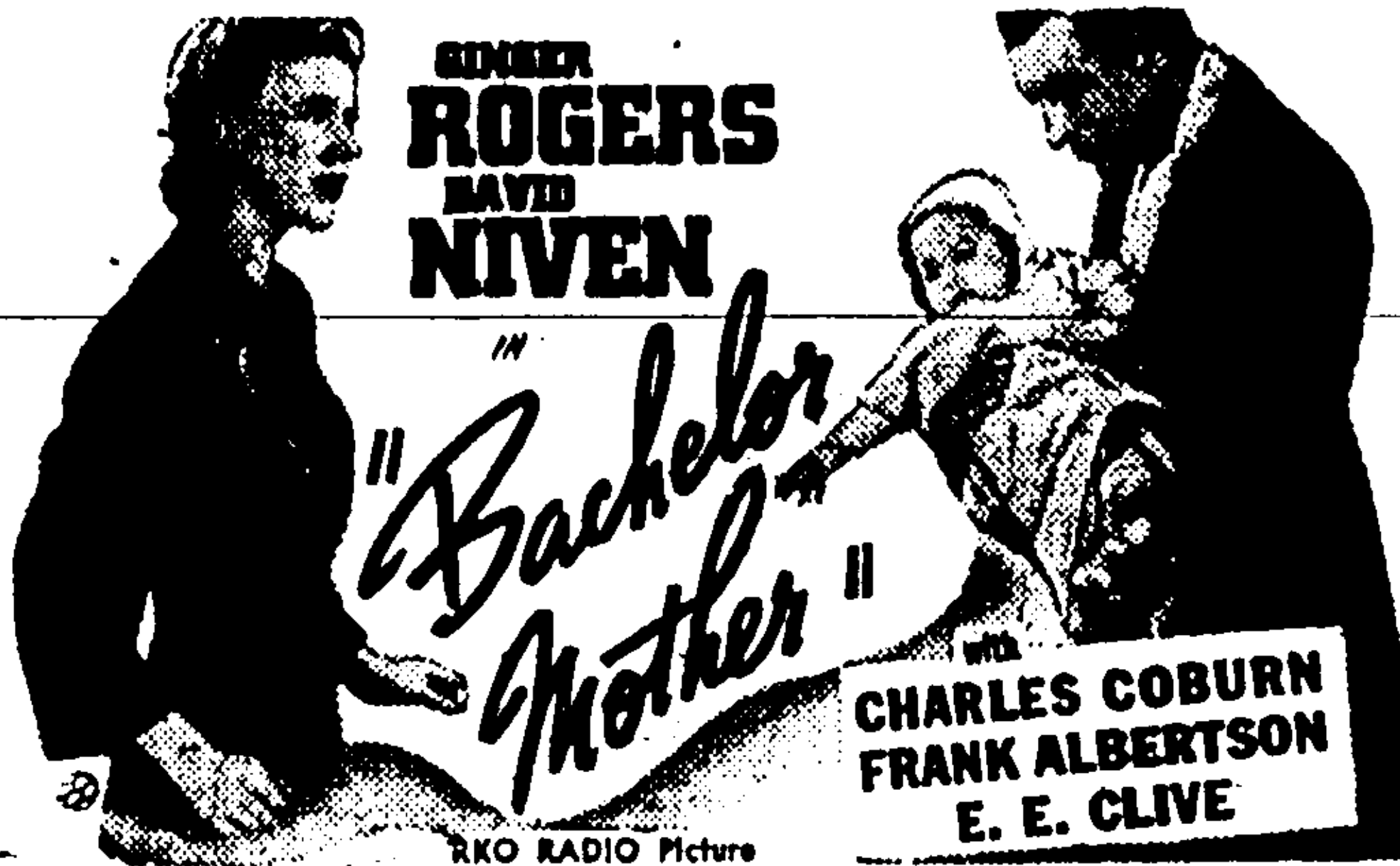
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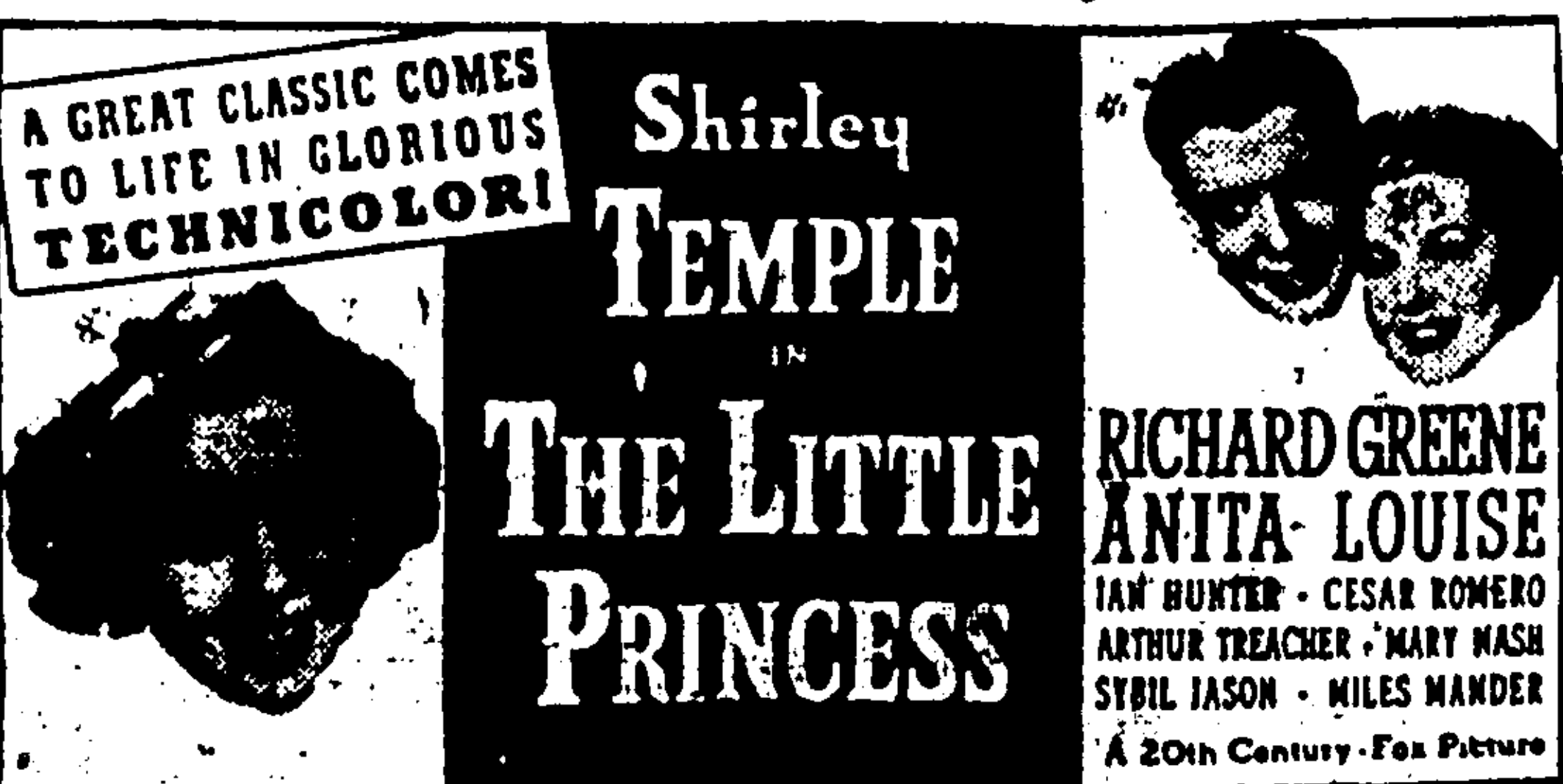


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MRS. CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE

WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FINAL VICTORY

Paris, To-day.

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE from Mrs. Neville Chamberlain in French to the women of France, which had been previously recorded, was broadcast from Paris.

After recalling her own visits to France, Mrs. Chamberlain said: "I am convinced that the feelings of friendship which already bind us together have gained new depth and new force by the sacrifices which both have been called upon to make on behalf of our cause which is, in effect, that of all humanity."

"For some amongst you, as for the women of Britain, this New Year will be darkened by mourning for those who have made the supreme sacrifice."

SECURING THE FUTURE

"To those I would say that their loss will not be in vain. They will have helped to secure the future for our children."

Mrs. Chamberlain said that women, whether in their own homes or billeted in the homes of others, whether attending their own families or working on the land or in factories, were playing an essential part in national defence and making a contribution to final victory.

After stating that the Prime Minister, following his recent visit to France, had told her of the kindness of the French people towards the British troops, and declaring that those troops were only the advance guard of the great army Britain is now assembling, Mrs. Chamberlain continued: "I

FLOATING MINE EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.
The Huisdunen Dam, near the Helder, in northern Holland, was seriously damaged by a floating mine which exploded when thrown against the dam by a wave.
There were no victims but several houses were damaged.—Havas.

would like to give you a message of hope for the future.
"War has always meant for women hardship and suffering, but we can look forward with confidence to the triumph of our cause, and in the day when victory is ours and we have won through to enduring peace, it will be our common aim to work together for the happiness and well-being of mankind in the certainty of the justice of our cause, which gives everyone of us, British and French, that spiritual faith which sustains us."—Reuter.

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GERMAN GENERALS WANT INVASION OF HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE the newspapers in Germany all re-echoed Hitler's message to the Nazi Party, declaring that 1940 will be a year of decisions.

All the Nazi newspapers claim Germany can achieve her aims, though they admit the task will not be easy.

BRITAIN'S 2,500,000 ARMY

London, To-day.

According to military correspondents, if a Royal Proclamation shortly calls up for registration of further age groups to 28, Britain's army would reach a strength of at least 2,500,000.

This does not take into account the other armed forces or the contributions of the Dominions, India and the Colonies.—Reuter.

NAZI VOLTE FACE

Stockholm, To-day.

It is learned from a Finnish source that Germany has decided to resume trade relations with Finland.

When the war between Finland and Russia began, Germany suspended the trade negotiations which were proceeding and stopped all exports and all payments for goods received from Finland.

It is now stated that the Reich has abruptly resumed negotiations and that normal trade will start next week.—Reuter.

RESOLUTION OF FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Both Houses of Parliament unanimously adopted the whole of the civil budget for 1940.

M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister, said: "Once more the Chamber has given a unanimous vote."

"The country will understand and so will the foreigner. He will know that this vote proves the resolution of France to pursue the war to its very end."—Reuter.

Talk of peace has receded to the background, and all speeches and articles emphasise that a decision can only be attained by arms.

According to neutral sources bitter discussions are proceeding behind the scenes in the Nazi war councils on how to attain a decisive result.

CHANNEL PORTS OBJECTIVE?

Four generals are said to favour an invasion of Holland in the Spring.

If such an invasion were successful it is surmised that Flushing would be seized and an attempt perhaps made to drive down the coast to Calais.

Opponents of the scheme say it is a council of despair and such a risk must only be taken if the war is regarded as otherwise inevitably lost.

WATCH ON SOVIET

In the meantime Soviet activities are being closely watched in Germany.

Many Germans doubt whether Hitler will attempt a decisive step until the Baltic situation is clarified.—Reuter.

FRENCH TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN'S AIR SUPREMACY ON THE WESTERN AND OTHER FRONTS IS PAID BY GENERAL VUILLEMIN, CHIEF OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE, IN A NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM THE FRENCH TO THE BRITISH AIR FORCE, TELEPHONES REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT WITH THE R.A.F. IN FRANCE.

After expressing best wishes to "our comrades," General Vuillemin declares that the audacity and mastery of the air which they constantly display at the expense of the enemy makes them worthy inheritors of the noblest traditions of British heroism.

"Thanks to the courage and brotherly confidence which unites our two forces I am very sure we can regard the future with confidence that our just cause will prevail."—Reuter.

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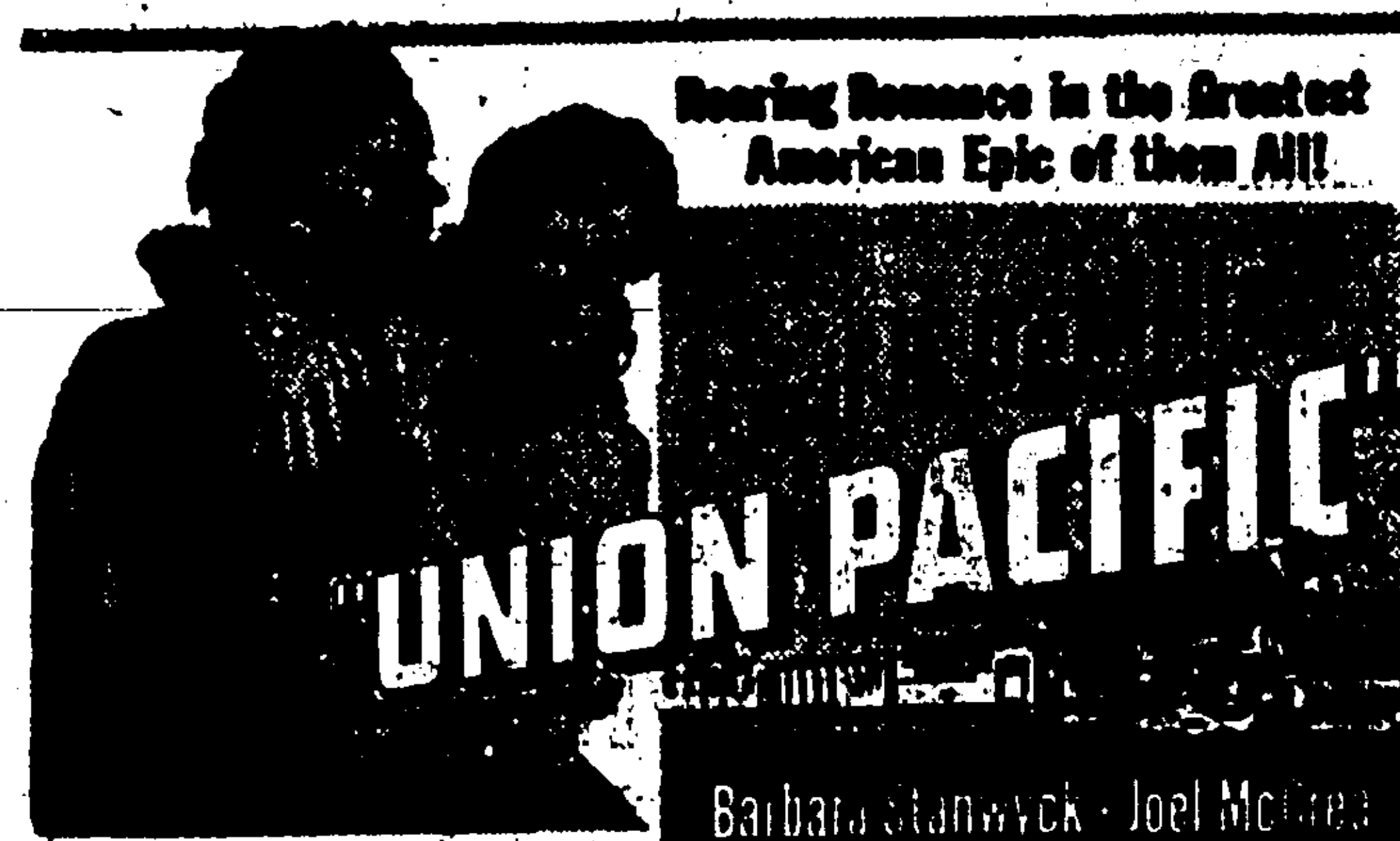
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GERMANY GRIPPED BY SPY SCARE: ISOLATING PEOPLE FROM THE WORLD

Amsterdam, To-day.

A NEW SPY SCARE IN Germany is described in an article dated from Holland's eastern border and published in the Rotterdam newspaper "Maasbode."

This fear of spies, it is stated, is the reason for the marked discouragement noticeable lately of all traffic between Germany and Holland.

Over Christmas, very few of those who applied to go to Germany to visit friends and relations were granted the necessary permits.

New notices, saying "Caution in Conversation. The enemy is listening," have been stuck up on the German side of the border.

The constant movement of troops during the blackout in trains and the huge war traffic in Germany have caused the German authorities to give great publicity to warnings against spies and to the law against high treason.

TROOPS CONCENTRATING

North of the railway line between Bentheim and Osnabruck, the cutting off of traffic is not so complete as south of the line.

This is presumed to be in connection with the concentration of German troops in Coesfeld, Borken, Raesfeldt and Bocholdt, which is said to be reserved for the Siegfried Line. There is, however, another reason for discouraging traffic between Holland and Germany, the article continues.

FAIRY TALES

It is not desired that German newspaper readers should learn by word of mouth from people across the border what is carefully withheld from them in their papers.

The paper adds that in Germany everyone is convinced that Holland is being, as it were, starved out by the British blockade.

"Holland is also at war," the people

in Germany say, "but the Government and people do not want to recognise the fact."

The more closely the border is shut, the "Maasbode" comments, the more easily can such fairy stories be spread.

VERBOTEN

Meanwhile, the latest thing to be verboten in Germany is the scattering of cinders on pavements when they are covered with snow or ice.

For the period of the war, this has now been prohibited, because it ruins the soles of people's shoes and those who scatter cinders in the streets do so at the risk of legal punishment.—Reuter.

MR. HULL'S OPTIMISM

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

IN HIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, DECLARED:

"The possibility is not excluded that the nations may find a sufficient strength of conscience to return before the forces of destruction have been loosed in all their fury to the tried and proven road of peaceful, international relations.

"If the war intensifies, it will fall more and more heavily upon the American people.

"If peace comes, America must throw her weight in the direction of creating an enduring world order under the law."—Reuter.

WHOOPEE IN NEW YORK

New York, To-day.

New York had the maddest, merriest New Year Celebrations of a decade. Crowds in Times Square were so large that bus traffic had to be stopped.

The low temperature, however, forced the noisy crowds to keep moving.

Night clubs were sold out of liquor. It is estimated that \$50,000,000 was spent in the city during the night.—Reuter.

VETERAN ACTOR DEAD

London, To-day.

Sir Frank Benson, the Shakespearean actor, has died at the age of 81.

Sir Frank began his career in Sir Henry Irving's company but soon formed his own company. For 30 years Sir Frank Benson's company performed the annual festival performance at Stratford-in-Avon.

He was knighted on the stage of Drury Lane Theatre in 1915.—Reuter.

BRITISH HELP FOR FINLAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS THAT SHE IS TAKING STEPS TO HELP FINLAND.

Though there is no indication of the form the help will take, it is learned that no troops will be sent to Finland but only war material.

France is taking a similar step and the Allies are working in close co-operation.

President Kallio of Finland yesterday issued a message in which he expressed gratitude for the Allied help.

He said: "During the next few days the Reds will make the acquaintance of volunteers from abroad who have the same love of liberty as ourselves."—Reuter.

NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

London, To-day.

An average of over 1,000,000 National Savings Certificates has been sold on each working day since November 22.

Over £1,500,000 has been contributed on every working day to Boxing Day.—Reuter.

BOMBING REPORT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated it was a quiet day on the front on the whole.

An enemy detachment which attempted a raid on one of our posts west of the Vosges was repulsed.—Reuter.

FORMER CHINA C-IN-C MARRIES

London, To-day.

Admiral Sir Charles Little, Second Sea Lord, married his cousin, Miss Mary Elizabeth Little, at Westminster Abbey yesterday. Admiral Little's first wife died in May last year.

Sir Charles was formerly Commander-in-Chief, China Station.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WAR PROPHET

London, To-day.

Viscount Kano, London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, declared in an interview that the war will have reached a turning point in favour of the Allies by Easter, and that the Sino-Japanese conflict will end in a month in a magnanimous peace.

Viscount Kano declared that Germany had not the foreign investments or other resources she possessed in 1914, and said that as Germany's resources were diverted more and more to military purposes, the sufferings of her people will increase.

NAZIS' PLIGHT

The scarcity of salt, food and clothing was already felt. How can Germany, in this plight, carry on a full dress air bombardment of Britain or an assault on the Maginot Line? asked Viscount Kano.

He was also helpful of better Anglo-Japanese relations and declared that Japan did not want territory or indemnity from China, only access to her raw materials and a better market for Japanese goods.—Reuter.

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AFTER THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The speech delivered by Premier Daladier in the Senate on December 29 is considered as one of the most precise statements of the Allied war aims.

Emphasising the necessity of "positive and material guarantees of the security of the future of Europe," M. Daladier insisted on three points.

Firstly, all men must be allowed to circulate freely.

Secondly, large-scale, easy international trade.

Thirdly, creation of a federative system to include the various nations of Europe.

STARTING POINT

The plan is consonant with the views expressed by the Pope in his Christmas message and with the ideological conception of Britain and the United States.

M. Daladier clearly revealed complete Anglo-French economic co-operation, and added that all states are free to participate therein.

Hence this co-operation may be the base of a future large-scale international organisation.—Havas.

FAR EAST NAVAL MEN DECORATED

London, To-day.

Naval honours published in the London Gazette contain the names of the following, decorated for services in the Sino-Japanese conflict:—

Distinguished Service Cross: — Lt.-Comm. J. M. S. Cox; Surgeon-Lieutenant V. J. R. Sheridan.

Distinguished Service Medal: — Petty Officer H. Pitt; Petty Officer T. Popley. — Reuter.

AJAX VISIT

London, To-day.

H.M.S. Ajax, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Harwood, will shortly pay a courtesy visit to Montevideo, if the consent of the Uruguayan Government is forthcoming.

The statement that Ajax is visiting Montevideo in order to repair damage suffered in the action with Admiral Graf Spee is devoid of truth, according to an authoritative announcement in London. — Reuter.

SAVING GERMAN SOLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Owing to its corrosive effect upon leather soles, the mayor of Bremen has banned the use of crude salt for melting snow and ice.

Violators of this order will be fined or imprisoned. — Havas.

VICTORY MEMORIAL

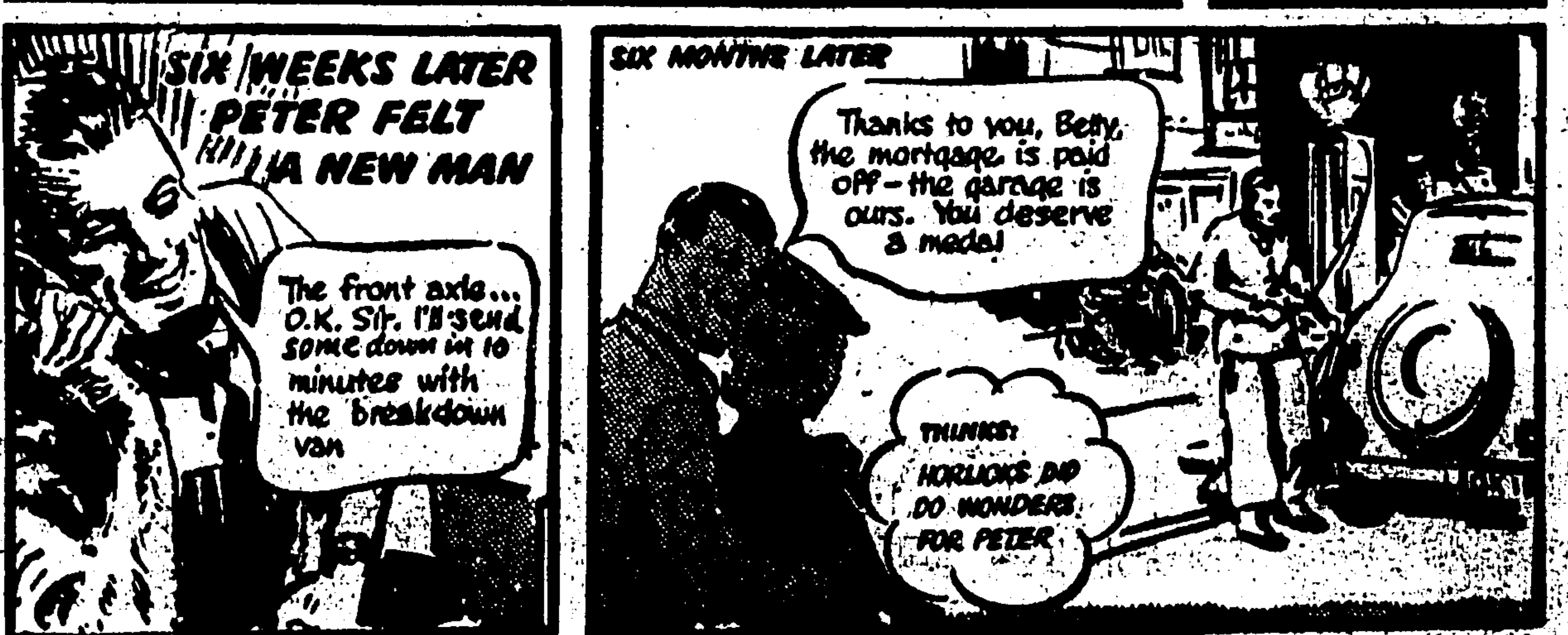
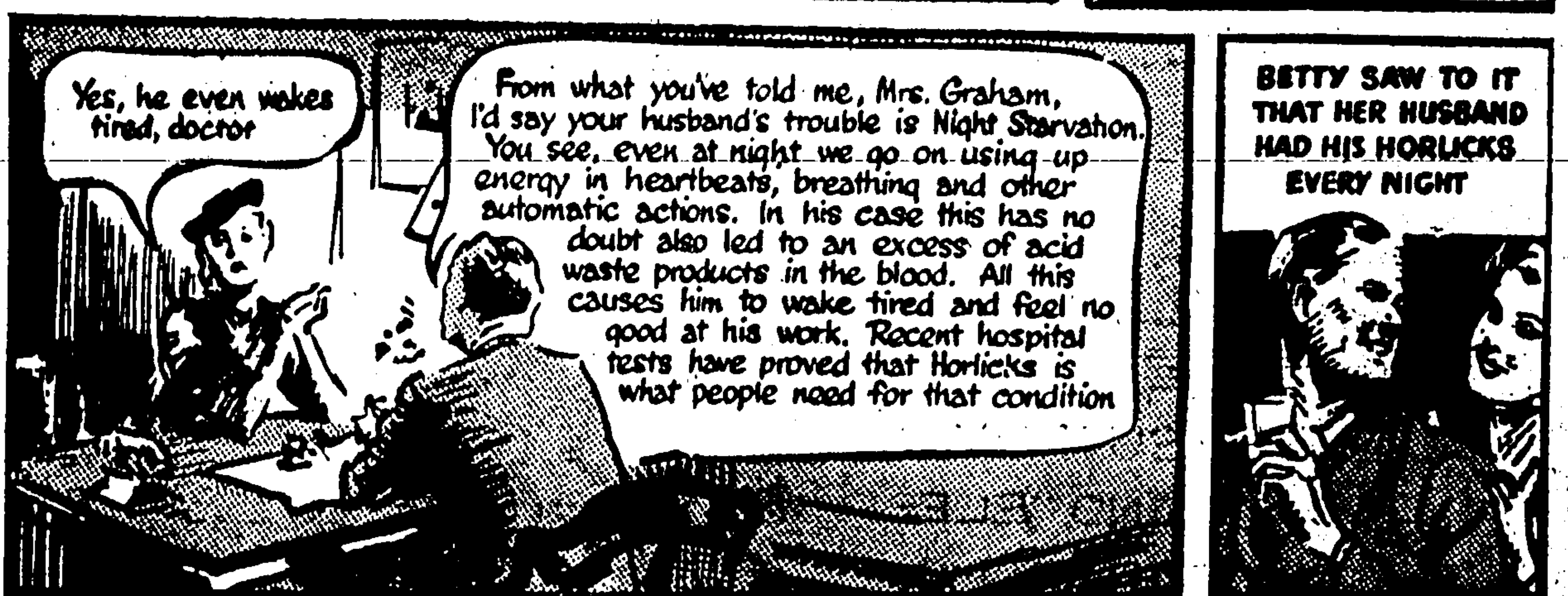
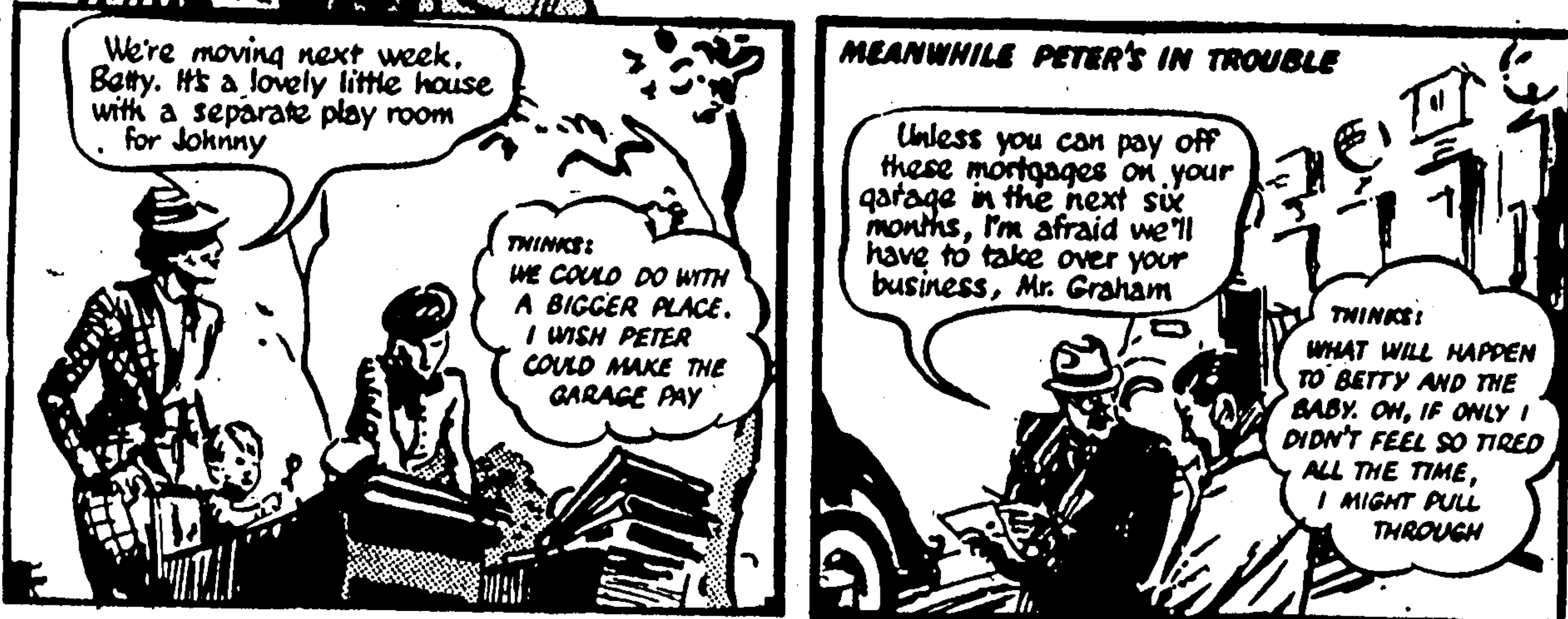
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Montevideo, To-day.

The Pro-Allied Committee has decided to erect at Punta del Este a memorial monument commemorating the British naval victory over the Admiral Graf Spee. — Havas.



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FLOODS AND STORM FOLLOW EARTHQUAKE

Ankara, To-day.

TURKEY IS NOW FACED with floods in the west, in addition to the earthquake in Anatolia. Four rivers have overflowed and many have been drowned.

In the earthquake devastated areas planes are being used to drop food supplies and medical necessities. It is feared the shocks will continue for about six months.

In the Smyrna, Brusa and Adrianople districts rivers have overflowed their banks, and human beings as well as cattle have been swept away. The floods have inundated and completely isolated numerous villages. The districts particularly affected are Brusa, Menemen, Smyrna and Mainsa. Several people have been struck by lightning.

CITY OF THE DEAD
President Inonu has arrived at Erzincan, "city of the dead," which suffered most severely in the earth-

quake, accompanied by the Ministers of Health and Interior and the Inspector-General of the Army.

He immediately started a tour of the wrecked quarters of the city and later had a conference with the authorities and issued orders for accelerating assistance for the survivors.

SIX FEET DEEP

Reports continue to arrive showing the devastating nature of the floods in the Brusa region and the plains of Karadjabey.

The water in many places has

SHANGHAI BOY IN R.A.F.

London, To-day.
An R.A.F. list of promotions contains the name of Kenneth Dudley Stanion, who was born in Shanghai. Stanion is promoted from Flight-Lieutenant to Squadron-Leader.—Reuter.

reached a depth of six feet, and the populations of 20 villages have taken refuge in the mountains. Five hundred people are marooned in isolated hamlets.—Reuter.

THIRD DISASTER Istanbul, To-day.

Following the earthquakes and floods, the Turkish people have now been hit by a third natural disaster.

Many Turkish ships are feared lost in terrific storms in the Black Sea. The small British-built Istanbul steamer Turkan is reported sunk with her crew of 20.

President Inonu yesterday left Erzincan for Sivas and Tokat, where he will continue to supervise the rescue work.

Milder weather has aroused hopes that the most urgent relief work and the burial of the dead will be completed within 10 days.

TERROR-STRUCK

According to the latest reports, over 300 people lost their lives in floods in north-west Anatolia. Floods are now reported from the Amassia area in the earthquake zone where rivers, swollen by torrential rains, overflowed and swept away bridges and wrecked almost every building in their path.

Hundreds of villages are marooned and military engineers are building pontoons to rescue the villagers.

Many thousands of terror-stricken men, women and children are fleeing from the floods, half-clothed, suffering from the bitter cold.

It is feared that the full extent of the havoc wrought by the floods will not be known for several days when rescue parties manage to penetrate all parts of the inundated regions.—Reuter.

YUGO-SLAV QUAKE

London, To-day.

According to the German radio an earthquake yesterday seriously damaged several buildings in Dubrovnik, Yugo-Slavia, but there were no casualties. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR SUPPORTS THE WAR

Sydney, To-day.

Mr. John Curtin, leader of the Australian Labour Party, broadcasting over the new Commonwealth radio station, emphatically placed the war guilt upon Germany.

Mr. Curtin said Germany had forcibly marched into Poland and thereby set the world on fire.

The German Government knew Britain was pledged to help Poland in the event of attack, and therefore Germany knew that every shot fired on Polish soil meant shots at Britain and France.

Mr. Curtin appealed to men and women all over the world for a change of spirit at the beginning of the New Year.

CONFERENCE APPEAL

He asked: "Cannot Germany, having regard for the larger claims of civilisation, say the time has come to withdraw her armed forces from Poland, and cannot Russia do the same thing in Poland and Finland, and then request the powers to take council in conference, not between conquerors and conquered but between equals?"

Mr. Curtin emphasised that the Australian Labour Party stood for a safe world, and would always resist war makers and aggressors, and opposition to them would be unwavering to the end and until victory was won.—Reuter.

PLAN FOR LIBRARIES

Plans to establish eight Chinese public libraries in the Colony are being formed by a local Chinese social organisation, the "China Mail" learns.

The object is to provide library rooms in different parts of the Colony, catering to the large number of scholars in Hong Kong, many of whom have been unable to continue their education owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

An appeal has been sent out for books, magazines and other journals. The Chinese press will be invited to supply free copies of their publications.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR THE FINNS

Red Army Forced Back To Russia For Third Time

FINN SUCCESSES ON ALL FRONTS

Helsinki, To-day.

ONE OF THE MOST sanguinary battles of the war is stated to be raging on the Salla front, where the Russians are now almost surrounded.

The last two days, it is claimed, were good days for the Finns. At no point did they retreat, while in at least two places they have driven the enemy back, the latest success being at Kuhmo, south-east of Suomussalmi.

This is the third time within a week that the Russians have been forced back into their own territory.

There has also been heavy fighting north of Lake Ladoga, where the Russians were driven back several kilometres.

The capital was without an air raid alarm on Sunday, but several other towns were raided; 50 bombs were dropped on Hango alone.

The hospital was badly damaged and ten persons injured.

MANNERHEIM LINE OFFENSIVE

The tempo of the Red artillery fire against the Mannerheim Line has noticeably increased, though it has not reached the proportion of a full scale barrage.

Isolated infantry attacks are proceeding continually but no co-ordinated action has yet started.

Finnish northern headquarters at Rovaniemi report sharp fighting near Salla, where the Finns are expected to launch a thrust against the weakening Russian lines.

REDS ISOLATED

North of Lake Ladoga a Soviet force of 75,000, including large mechanised forces, is in imminent danger of finding itself stranded as skilful Finnish patrols have cut all means of transport and communication.

The Russians here are reported to be running short of food, and it is stated that within a few days they will be forced to surrender through starvation or fight their way back to their own country.

The Finns claim they now have the initiative on the whole 800-mile eastern front except in the Petsamo sector.

WORST DAY

Sunday was one of the worst air raid days since the war started.

Towns throughout southern Finland report bombings. At least 10 towns were attacked and hundreds of bombs dropped, though details regarding the damage and casualties are hitherto lacking.

So far no confirmation is available regarding the cutting of the Murmansk-Leningrad railway by Finnish "suicide troops." In fact a denial has been published in Stockholm.

Eleven Soviet bombers flew over Helsinki. Anti-aircraft guns opened fire but no bombs were dropped.

IN THE WILDERNESS

A Finnish communique says that the fighting at Suomussalmi has ended and the enemy divisions there completely dispersed. The Finns captured much material.

The remainder of the Red divisions are wandering in the wilderness and are being pursued in the direction of the frontiers.

The booty includes 27 guns, 11 tanks, numerous automatic weapons and a transport unit of 150 horses. The Reds had thousands of dead.

SALLA FRONT

On the Salla front enemy attacks were repulsed and 12 tanks destroyed.

An attack on the Karelian Isthmus across the ice was repulsed. Six tanks were destroyed.

At Kaljavuosa the Finns captured 51 machine-guns, 50 other guns and 450 rifles and destroyed 16 tanks.

At Lake Ladoga coastal batteries took part in the fighting and destroyed, inter alia, one of the Red transport units.—Reuter.

PETSAMO REOCCUPIED

London, To-day.

Reports from the Norwegian frontier state that the Finns have reoccupied Petsamo.

The Reds still occupy positions to the south.—Reuter.

FINNISH AIR SUCCESSES

Helsinki, To-day.

A communique says that north of Suomussalmi the Finnish troops continue to pursue the enemy and have taken considerable booty.

Finnish aircraft carried out numerous reconnaissance flights and bombed the enemy rearguard.

It has been definitely established that four Red planes were brought down by A.A. fire, and two others probably destroyed.—Reuter.

NIGHT PATROLS ACTIVE

PARIS, TO-DAY

DESPITE THE BITTER COLD THERE HAS BEEN GREAT ACTIVITY AT NIGHT ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Reconnaissance parties have been particularly energetic west of the Vosges foothills, where several German patrols crept up to the French posts, attacking them with hand grenades.

The French replied with bombs, and the fighting attracted artillery fire, which lit up the snow-covered countryside with brilliant flashes.

French patrols were active near the Luxembourg frontier, attacking German posts with bombs and rifle fire.

At one point a French "groupe franc" (picked raiding party) penetrated the German lines and brought back a wounded prisoner.

Air activity on both sides has been slight.—Reuter.

AIR FORCE UPHOLDS TRADITION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

General Edmond Vuillemin, French air force chief, in a message to his men, stressed the fact that four months of war had amply proved that the air force's courage, discipline and honour had upheld the glorious tradition of the Great War.

He added: "Do your duty, together with your valiant comrades of the Royal Air Force, who are also fighting to protect the world against barbarity."—Havas.

R.A.F.'S FINE SPIRIT

London, To-day.

Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, is making a whirlwind tour of R.A.F. stations, says Reuter's special correspondent in France.

Since his arrival Captain Balfour has inspected a number of aerodromes, aircraft and crews, and met representative groups of officers, N.C.O.'s and airmen.

Captain Balfour, who was a pilot himself in the last war, told Reuter he wanted to see things first-hand. He was greatly impressed with the fine spirit of the R.A.F. personnel.

Like many other visitors he was struck by the happy relations existing between the local French civilians and the British fighting men living among them.—Reuter.

LONG LIST OF AWARDS FOR ROYAL NAVY AND R.A.F. OFFICERS

London, To-day.

ALL BRANCHES OF THE Royal Navy were honoured by the King for deeds of courage, bravery and heroism in the war in a supplement in the London Gazette, which contains the names of over 200 men decorated or promoted.

Most awards are for skill and gallantry in life-saving, mine-laying and sweeping, and anti-submarine work.

Decorations to men in the submarine Ursula, which sank a German cruiser, are also announced and mention is made of the submarine's "skilful attack." Convoyers of foodstuffs and capturers of German ships are also rewarded.

Over 100 names figure in the New Year list of promotions announced by the Admiralty.

JELICOE'S NEPHEW

Twenty commanders are promoted to the rank of Captain, while 38 lieutenant-commanders become Commanders.

Among the latter is Sir Charles Madden, son of the noted Admiral and a nephew of Earl Jellicoe.

Seven promotions are announced in the Commonwealth Navy.

Among the naval honours gazetted appear the names of Rear-Admiral Edward Leigh Stuart King, C.B., of the Home Fleet, who is awarded the C.B.

Captains A. R. Halfhide, G. H. Freyberg, and J. N. Tait receive the C.B.E. Commanders C. E. Hamond, St. John Alrich Micklethwait, G. F. Stevens Guille, and L. A. K. Boswell, and Lieutenant-Commander Bernard Moloney are all awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous service.

In addition, many officers receive the O.B.E. and a long list of officers and ratings are honoured with the M.B.E., D.S.M. and D.S.O. Others are mentioned in despatches.

R.A.F. PROMOTIONS

Two hundred R.A.F. promotions are gazetted, including nine new Air Commodores, 30 Group Captains and 82 Wing-Commanders.

Squadron-Leader Barwell, who recently won the D.F.C. for his exploits in the fight over the North Sea when six Nazi planes were downed, is promoted.

One of the new Group Captains is Wing-Commander Wain, who won the V.C. in 1918 for his gallant

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FOREWORD

(From the Imperial Research Press, Addis Ababa)

■ EDGAR HOPKINS, middle-aged poultry-breeder, wrote a diary in the year 1952. He wrote it in the shattered ruins of London seven years after the moon had fallen into the Atlantic Ocean and wiped out all but a fragment of humanity. A thousand years later the diary was discovered on the uninhabited desert island of England. This third section tells of the last days before the moon struck the world.

The Manuscript

THE newspapers on Tuesday morning were not quite so pleasant.

There was, for instance, the Government order against "malingering" that surprised and disturbed me. A special Act of Parliament declared it to be an offence, punishable by imprisonment with hard labour, for any man to absent himself from his work without a medical certificate of illness.

It seemed that in certain districts large numbers of factory workers had decided that it was a waste of time to work any more, and had gone home at lunch-time.

I think that the newspapers exercised a great deal of voluntary censorship in those early days of excitement. I know for a fact that the rector of Chadley was thrown into the village duckpond.

It appears that the rector, in an excess of righteousness, had blamed the evil ways of his villagers for the moon's threat to destroy the earth. The villagers naturally felt it was absurd to suggest that God was destroying the world in order to teach Chadley not to play darts on Sundays, and they showed their irritation in the manner above mentioned.

The newspapers also urged on with all speed the work of defence, and I could scarcely force my way through the crowd when I reported at nine o'clock that morning for work upon our dugout in Burgin Park. The whole village was there to watch, partly because the dugout was now so exciting and partly because, under normal conditions, Burgin Park was private.

A large hole gaped in the chalky hillside and broad steps led down into the bowels of the hill. I was told that Mr. Lanbury, the blacksmith, with his son Richard and old Peter (who broke stones for the rural council) were down below with miners' picks, and two lusty farm boys were hauling sandbags full of broken chalk up the dugout steps.

I was detailed to join the "wheelbarrow gang." I was given a barrow and my job was to trundle the excavated chalk down the hillside and dump it into a disused quarry. It was pleasant work, for the full barrow practically ran by itself downhill.

It was a lovely day with a hint of spring in the air and I enjoyed it all immensely. We were all happy at having something novel and valuable to do. The men all called each other by their nicknames and I was almost tempted to tell John Briggs, the carpenter, that my Christian name was Edgar. I decided upon reflection not to do so, for if nothing fatal happened on May 3 he might fail to appreciate his duty to call me "sir" again.

The February moon grew to fullness and waxed without creating undue excitement in Beadle. Orders had come from the Government that we were

to make three separate entrances to our dugout as precaution against one, or even two, of them becoming blocked. This provided plenty of healthy work, and I had never felt fitter in my life.

Something happened one evening at about that time which must have been fate's recompense for all that I had suffered. It was so trivial and casual in its beginning, and yet it was to bring such happiness to the tragic days ahead.

It was a boisterous evening of dark cloud that scurried in the rising wind, and as I stood in my garden I saw a girl and a boy, their coats fluttering to the fierce gusts that moaned across the downs.

The boy recognised me at once. "D'you remember me, sir? . . . at Waterloo Station? . . . You know my uncle . . . my name's Parker."

Suddenly he became conscious of his social duties.

"I'm sorry," he said. "This is my sister Pat"—and I felt the firm pressure of the girl's cool hand.

"I remember you quite well," I said, "when you used to ride your ponies up here on the downs."

"Adam and Eve!" the girl laughed. "They're pensioned off now. Adam's older than I am . . . he's nearly twenty-one."

I should say that Pat was about nineteen, and her brother a couple of years her junior.

I persuaded them to come into my library. It was the first time I had ever entertained such young and amusing visitors, and it was lucky that I could produce a bottle of ginger beer for Robin. Pat, the grown-up young lady, accepted a glass of sherry and sipped it as though she had taken it all her life!

I showed them my stamp collection and they were both very envious of my three-cornered Cape of Good Hope. I was about to read them an article I had just prepared upon Migrating Birds when Robin leaped to his feet like a jack-in-a-box and exclaimed: "Good heavens!—it's nearly seven!"

I watched them stride down my hillside path in the dusk: they waved to me from the gate, and were gone. My library seemed very cheerless and empty when I returned to it! I could almost have wished to have left that little sherry glass upon the fireside table, just as Pat had laid it down.

When Sapper Evans arrived he quickly became the hero of the village. Sapper Evans was a dynamic little Welshman, detailed to assist the village of Beadle in completing and fitting out its dugout.

Not until Sapper Evans appeared among us did I realise the wonderful organisation that was working for us so rapidly and secretly behind the scenes.

The Army, Navy and Air Force had



The fire brigade directed a powerful cascade against the steel dugout doors to test them against flood.

been mobilised into one huge Defence Corps; machine-guns, aircraft and battleships had been laid aside, and the implements of mining had taken their place. For the first time in history the threat of war had ceased to exist and the whole of Europe—the whole of the world—was in alliance against the same dread enemy.

Every skilled mechanic, and thousands of semi-skilled soldiers, sailors, and airmen were rapidly passed through a "school of dugout construction," and as they qualified they were drafted into the cities, towns and villages of Great Britain. The large cities received a Defence Corps of twenty or thirty men under specially trained officers who mobilised the civilian volunteers, and even the smallest village like Beadle received one man who thoroughly understood the task ahead.

We were lucky in getting Sapper Evans. Not only was he a dynamo of energy, but he had tact as well. Although he was a sapper in the Royal Corps of Engineers, he came from South Wales and mining was in his blood. He so obviously enjoyed his work that all who came into contact with him were infected, and gave of their best.

He arrived with a lorry containing three immensely impressive steel doorways and sliding door panels for the entrances to our dugout. They were airtight and watertight; their dimensions had been announced with the original orders three months ago, and the openings to our dugout had been made accordingly. With the help of the blacksmith and his son, Sapper Evans began fitting these doors on the night of his arrival. He worked all night by the light of car lamps trained upon the entrances and by next morning the work of cementing them into position had begun.

It may seem strange to say how thoroughly I enjoyed those vigorous, purposeful days. I was on the shift that worked from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon, and I never felt so well in all my life. I had seen Pat and Robin almost every day, for they were valiant workers upon the Beadle dugout.

Pat aroused a good deal of comment among the village women when she first appeared at the dugout, for she was dressed exactly like her brother, in grey shorts, cricket shirt and sweater. She collected wood and built the fires and kept the working parties supplied with piping hot, strong tea: she insisted upon being at her post at dawn each morning to make hot soup for the tired men, and did little first-aid jobs to cut fingers and splinter-wounded hands that were beneath the notice of the arrogant Dr. Hax.

We were too busy to talk very much at our work, but when she passed me she had always given me a cheerful smile.

Well before the night of May 3—the grim night on which scientists timed the vast collision between moon and earth—the dugout in Burgin Park was finished.

Four cylinders of oxygen arrived in an Army Service lorry on a Friday. Sapper Evans installed them without delay and announced a "Dress Rehearsal" for three o'clock on the Saturday afternoon.

The Dugout Committee, accompanied by half a dozen selected villagers, entered the dugout and closed the airtight doors in the presence of a large crowd. The test was only to be for three hours, the supply of oxygen being too precious to waste upon a longer experiment.

The Mulcaster Fire Brigade directed a powerful cascade of water upon each door in turn to test them against flood, and at six o'clock the committee emerged from the dugout to report complete success in every way. Sapper Evans, with his usual resourcefulness, had organised a whist drive within the sealed dugout to pass the time, and I was gratified to learn that Dr. Hax, whom I always disliked, had lost nine-pence.

At church next morning the vicar announced an important meeting to be held at the village hall directly after tea and before evening service. Old villagers declared that they had never seen such a crowd in the hall.

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NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE SEEN ON BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOERING GROUP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

SOME POLITICAL CIRCLES see definite indications of a new peace offensive, led by the Vatican and Italy with possible moral support from the United States.

Conservative German elements, including Field-Marshal Goering, are, it is thought, likely to support such an offensive.

Field-Marshal Goering's recent self-effacement may be paving the way to a discreet campaign for peace.

Italy is apparently encouraging German elements who favour peace.

According to Goering's group, peace would be possible on the basis of certain German concessions such as the creation of a limited Polish State and the grant of greater independence to Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

While the Vatican plays a disinterested role, desiring peace for the sake of peace and to save the lives of millions, Italy feels she can gain nothing from an outright victory either of the Reich or the Allies.

Italy would prefer a peace in which neither camp would be wiped out.—Havas.

HOLY SEE'S ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The fact that Mons. Cesare Orsenigo, the Papal Nuncio in Berlin, has visited the Wilhelmstrasse no less than six times in the past week is widely commented on here as indication the Holy See's effort to prevent further spreading of the war and also an effort to halt Soviet expansion.

Observers link these visits to those exchanged recently between the Pope and the Italian Royal Family.

Signor Mussolini has also kept very close contact with Berlin through his Ambassador in the Reich.

Hence the view is held here that the Pope and Il Duce are working hand in hand.—Havas.

WAR WILL BE LONG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE MORNING NEWSPAPERS UNANIMOUSLY FORECAST A HARD AND PERHAPS LONG STRUGGLE FOR RIGHT AND LIBERTY IN 1940, AND EXPRESS THE UNSWERVING DETERMINATION OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE TO BRING THE WAR TO A VICTORIOUS END.

The "Petit Parisien" "The war will probably be a long one and will demand maximum sacrifices. Now we are determined to do everything to get a victory which will bring lasting peace."

The Socialist "Populaire" says: "With all our energy we want the peace to create a new order within a federated and disarmed Europe."—Havas.

URUGUAY INTERNS TACOMA

Montevideo, To-day.

It is officially announced that the German tanker Tacoma, which supplied the Admiral Graf Spee, is not leaving Montevideo and will therefore be interned for the duration.

Fifty marines of the Uruguayan navy boarded the Tacoma from a naval ship at the Nazi ship's anchorage in the outer roads.

The Tacoma had earlier moved out of the inner harbour with the German naval battle flag flying at her masthead.—Reuter.

AUXILIARY UNIT

Montevideo, To-day.

Shortly before noon yesterday, representatives of the Uruguayan Government boarded the Tacoma as she lay in the outer harbour and signed the legal bonds under which she will be interned in Uruguayan waters for the duration of the war.

A guard of 20 sailors was placed on board to prevent any attempt at evasion.

Uruguay's action is taken on the ground that the Tacoma intervened in the Graf Spee affair as an auxiliary unit of the German Navy.

AMERICAN CARGO

It is thought that Hitler may have decided against scuttling, because this would have lent support to the Uruguayan contention that the Tacoma was a belligerent. This contention was vigorously contested by the Germans.

The scuttling would also have caused trade complications, because the Tacoma carries a considerable cargo of refrigerated fruit belonging to exporters on the Pacific Coast of the United States.

Another theory is that the captain hoped to make Buenos Aires, where he believed he might escape internment, but on sighting a British ship decided that the plan was impracticable.—Reuter.

PARIS UNDER SNOW

Paris, To-day.

Over 277,000 tons of snow fell over Paris on Thursday night, the authorities having the greatest difficulty in coping with the fall.

Although 2,000 tons of salt have already been scattered in the streets the work of clearing has been considerably slowed up by the shortage of men and motor street sweepers, which have been requisitioned by the army.—Reuter.

U.S. LINERS SOLD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Maritime Commission has approved the sale of several ships by the United States Lines to the Norwegian company, North Atlantic Transport Company.

Among the ships sold are the President Harding, American Shipper, American Traveller and American Importer.

These ships are to establish a regular service between New York, London and Liverpool, with a stop over at Boston when westward bound.

They will fly the Norwegian flag and will be subject to Norwegian maritime rules.—Havas.

RAID REPULSED

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian Government has ordered an investigation of Finnish allegations that Russian planes dropped bombs on Norwegian territory.—Reuter.

MEXICO CITY DEMONSTRATION

Mexico, City, To-day.

There was a pro-Finnish demonstration in Mexico City yesterday.

A bull fight was stopped and a silver collection taken for the Finnish relief fund.—Reuter.

NAZIS AND FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAGEN NYHETER" REPORTS THAT GERMANY WILL NOT CONSIDER THE TRANSIT OF WAR MATERIAL TO FINLAND THROUGH SCANDINAVIA AS VIOLATION OF THE LATTER'S NEUTRALITY.

However the Reich will not tolerate any attempt by Britain and France to use this assistance for their own ends, nor any Allied attempt to draw the Scandinavians into their orbit.

The same newspaper reports that Russia has not yet asked for technical assistance from Germany for her operations against Finland, and no German specialists will be sent to Russia for this purpose.—Havas.







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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

BUSINESS AND DEMOCRACY

I have never been touched by the fear that this war will mean the end of our Western civilization. Never for one moment shall I believe that this war can permanently interrupt the progress of mankind.

The movement to assure peace was never so strong as in the years which preceded the war.

You need not fear that, when the struggle is over, the cause which lies so close to our hearts will be lost—that cause which is the development of human beings into free, strong, and independent individualities.

That side will win which best serves this end. So it is in the struggle between states; so it is in the world of industry, which is society in miniature.

It is no accident that modern industrial life, developed first and most strongly in those countries where respect for the dignity of the individual, as such, is most deeply anchored in the conviction of its people.

Three things are essential to the successful working of industry or business, whether on the lower or higher steps of the ladder; these are: knowledge, intellect and character. But, of these three, character is far and away the most important.

Democracy has me in thrall, not alone on account of its ethical value and its high ideal of the dignity of man. I am, first and foremost, permeated by a firm faith in its usefulness and its efficiency.—Prof. Dr. J. Goudriaan, General Director of the Netherlands Railways.

UNITED PARTY

The policy of the United Party is to be in the Commonwealth all the time, and to partake of its benefits, its freedom and security, and to fight for these things whenever they are challenged. It was on this basis that the United Party was erected; it was the very basis of fusion. We admit that Africans—speaking South Africans—have also made great sacrifices of sentiment and even of their deepest national pride. That belongs to the past and there is no longer a conflict of loyalty. This is South Africa's war and we must fight it as South Africans.—Rand Daily Mail.

BERLIN ON MINES

Three interesting points appear in the German statement on what must be called "unrestricted mine warfare":

1. Berlin tacitly admits that German mines have been sown off the English coast where they have wrought havoc to neutral shipping.

2. Germany makes obeisance to international law in saying that the Hague convention of 1907 prohibits the laying of mines outside enemy harbours only when the objectives are commercial shipping and that notification is required only "as soon as military considerations allow."

3. The Berlin contention that there are no longer "any purely commercial lanes to England and an opponent must obviously take his measures from the standpoint of direct combating of warships" needs to be weighed against facts. If they are only combating warships the aim is extraordinarily poor; mines have sunk more than sixteen merchant ships in the last week and only one destroyer and two mine sweepers. If there are no longer any com-

mercial lanes, it is not because of the presence of British warships which protect commerce but because German mines have closed those lanes. The truth is that this war is largely commercial and the blocking of merchant ships supplying England may be more important to Germany than destruction of warships. In this sense commercial ships are military objectives, but wouldn't it be better propaganda to say so than to attempt to cite the Hague convention? "Christian Science Monitor."

A TRUCE IN INDIA?

A truce should now be called to domestic differences. The issues at stake are far too vital to the well-being of the Indian people and to humanity to waste our time and energies on internal disputes. We know that the vast bulk of Congress are heartily behind the British Government in its attempt to end the menace of Hitlerism. We know that the vast majority of Muslims strongly support the cause for which Great Britain and France are fighting and in which they have the sympathy of independent Muslim States like Turkey, Egypt and Iraq.—Times of India.

A HOLY WAR

We believe that the British cause is a holy cause and that Britain is at war to maintain the principles of Christianity. We believe that only upon those principles can the nations shake off the fears and degradation of the jungle and fulfil their destinies according to their respective merits. Let others pass judgment on our faith. The very principle we champion proclaims their freedom to decide for themselves.—Melbourne Argus.

RUSSIA AND INDIA

Russia's action has brought the menace of war nearer to India's doors. India cannot ignore its possibilities or forget the perils inherent in dissension and unpreparedness within her own borders. The Russian invasion of Poland and its possible consequences make it more than ever necessary that the people of India should rally behind the Government in whatever measures may be necessary for the integrity of her territory and peace and security within her borders.—Madras Mail.

MINDS MADE UP

We have made up our minds that the principle of democracy as against that of ruthless aggression shall establish a just and humane state in the world.—Mr. Fraser, New Zealand.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S ANSWER

Mr. Chamberlain has left no margin for quibbling. Britain asks nothing of the German people but that they should live in peace with other peoples of Europe.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Mr. Chamberlain's answer to Hitler is complete and convincing. Treaties with Hitler are worthless.—Melbourne Herald.

The British people throughout the world, and the English-speaking peoples of the United States, agree on the impossibility of Britain accepting Hitler's basis without forfeiting honour.—Sydney Sun.

In the British Premier's stern straight-forward statements are embodied the unanimous views of every Government in the British Dominions.—Cape Times.

Mr. Chamberlain's determination to fight on is all the more impressive since it comes from a man of peace.—New Zealand Herald.

ALLIED TERMS FOR PEACE ESSENTIAL TO NEW MOVE

London, To-day.
AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS in London are taking a keen interest in what they regard as the first substantial attempt to prepare the ground for the possibility of peace now being made by the Pope on one side and President Roosevelt on the other, declares the diplomatic correspondent of "The Observer."
Mr. Myron Taylor will reach the Vatican in a few weeks' time to confer with the Pope about the co-ordination of the two enterprises.

WRONG AGAIN, GOEBBELS

London, To-day.
The German news agency claims that the British patrol ship Agathe was sunk on December 29 by a German submarine.

On enquiry at the British Admiralty it was learned that no British naval ship was sunk on that date, and that there is no ship named Agathe in the Royal Navy!—Reuter.

1940 WILL BRING LIBERATION

Paris, To-day.
Confidence that 1940 will bring liberation to the suffering peoples of Central Europe, was expressed by Dr. Edouard Benes, President of the Czecho-Slovak National Committee, in a New Year Message.

Dr. Benes adds: "The year will be decisive for the victory of the Allies. The Nazi leaders see already that they have definitely lost unless they can secure a compromise."

"Therefore during the next month they will try desperately to save most of their rape of Poland and Czecho-Slovakia by proposing different, unacceptable and politically impossible peace terms, with the object of preserving their regime for the time being and to enable them later to begin once more the immoral and barbarian policy aiming at the domination of Europe."

Dr. Benes further declares that the moral strength and the spirit of resistance of the Czecho-Slovak nation were greatly strengthened by the recognition of the Czecho-Slovak National Committee by Britain and France.—Reuter.

TERM EXTENDED

Wellington, To-day.
The Governor-General of New Zealand announces that his term of office will probably be extended owing to the war.
He was to have left early in the New Year. — Reuter.

NAZIS ADMIT LOSS

London, To-day.
A German High Command communique broadcast from Berlin admits the loss of a naval patrol ship near Trelleborg, Sweden.

The communique adds that 35 members of the crew out of 37 were rescued. — Reuter.

Official quarters in London do not expect to be officially informed about the project.

They feel confident, however, from what both President Roosevelt and His Holiness have publicly disclosed, that their own clearly announced conditions of peace are not only being respected but are themselves regarded as essential to the new project.

RESTITUTION CONDITION

It is taken for granted that no attempt will be made to confuse the issues by shifting the role of "public enemy number one" from Hitler to Stalin.

It is regarded as equally certain that the Pope's estimate of restitution as a precedent condition to peace and disarmament (point number one in his Christmas message to the College of Cardinals) will be endorsed by President Roosevelt, just as it constitutes virtual endorsement of the Allied peace terms as already clearly defined.

ROOSEVELT CAVEAT

Nor is there in London and Paris any disposition to fear that a peace plan publicly launched on such eminent authority can be made use of by the enemy propaganda for belligerent rather than pacific ends.

The fact that President Roosevelt prefaced his enterprise with the caveat that an actual basis for peace is not available, and that the Pope has put restitution first in the order of procedure, has made a deep impression in Allied quarters, who therefore have no hesitation in welcoming the dual initiative. — Reuter.

THE OLD ARGUMENT AGAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.
AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ISSUED IN LONDON OBSERVES THAT HITLER'S NEW YEAR PROCLAMATION FOLLOWS THE WELL-WORN LINES OF GERMAN ARGUMENT.

In the perpetual search for new hatred with which to infect the German people, Hitler seems for the time being to have returned to the British Empire and the Jews.

The old excuses for Germany's wanton aggression against her neighbours must now be sounding a trifle thin, it is declared.

Such arguments have already been answered by the principal Allied statesmen.

FIGHT TO THE END

The statement adds it suffices to repeat that until the cause for which the British Empire and France have taken up arms has been achieved they are determined to continue to fight.

Recent events have borne impressive testimony to the preparations they are making for effective prosecution of the war which was forced upon them. — Reuter.

PORTUGAL'S BUDGET

Lisbon, To-day.
For the thirteenth year in succession Dr. Salazar, the Portuguese Premier, has presented a balanced budget. — Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

OBSERVERS WIDELY comment on the signature in Moscow of a Japanese-Soviet agreement prolonging for one year the existing modus vivendi on fisheries.

It is pointed out that contrary to previous years Moscow has taken great pains to see that Japan is not without some fisheries rights at least.

Furthermore Moscow has made important concessions.

Settlement of the North Manchuria Railway dispute is considered as of secondary importance, but is nevertheless seen as a definite indication that the two parties wish to liquidate the quarrels of the past three years.

FREE HAND IN EUROPE

General impression is that Japan and the Soviet are heading for a settlement of all problems separating them, and apparently Russia is seeking definite appeasement on her Far Eastern border in order to enjoy greater freedom of action in Europe.

At the same time, Tokyo is probably making use of her agreement with Moscow in her difficult negotiations with the United States.

JAPANESE SUSPICION

Nevertheless most observers do not believe that the Soviet-Japanese rapprochement will lead to a non-aggression pact, since Japan still views suspiciously any attempt to urge her into an alliance with Berlin and Moscow.—Havas.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

Moscow, To-day.
Under the Soviet-Japanese settlement the Japanese Government guarantees the payment of the last instalment for the Railway, due from Manchukuo by January 4, together with an additional sum due under the gold clause and interest at three per cent. from March 23, 1938, when the instalment fell due, and January 3, 1940.

The payment totals ¥7,000,000, less claims of the Manchukuo Government against the Soviet totalling ¥1,000,000.

Two-thirds of the sum which Manchukuo will pay will be spent on the purchase of goods of Japanese and Manchukuo origin, provided the assortment of goods corresponds to demand on the Soviet side and prices are normal.

The fisheries agreement signed in January, 1928, will remain valid until December 31, 1940.—Reuter.

NEW CHINESE COINS

Chungking, To-day.

The Ministry of Finance announces that as from yesterday the Government has released new subsidiary coins for circulation.

These will be two, five and ten cents, and will be different from the old coins.—Reuter.

I.R.A. PHOENIX PARK COUP

Dublin, To-day.

Another five tons of ammunition taken in the Phoenix Park raid were discovered by the police and military in an outhouse at Deamore, Drogheda.

A local farmer and cattle dealer have been detained.

Altogether 225 cases have now been recovered of the 700 stolen.—Reuter.

SOVIET CONSULATE REOPENING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED THAT THE STAFF OF THE SOVIET CONSULATE-GENERAL IS RETURNING HERE NEXT WEEK.

The staff had left Shanghai without advance notification or explanation last October, and the affairs of the Soviet Consulate had been left in charge of the Norwegian Consulate.

The report that the staff is returning is not yet officially confirmed, but it is understood that some 60 Soviet diplomats have left Vladivostok en route to Shanghai.

It is understood that these diplomats are completely new to China.—Havas.

ICHANG AIR RAID

Ichang, To-day.

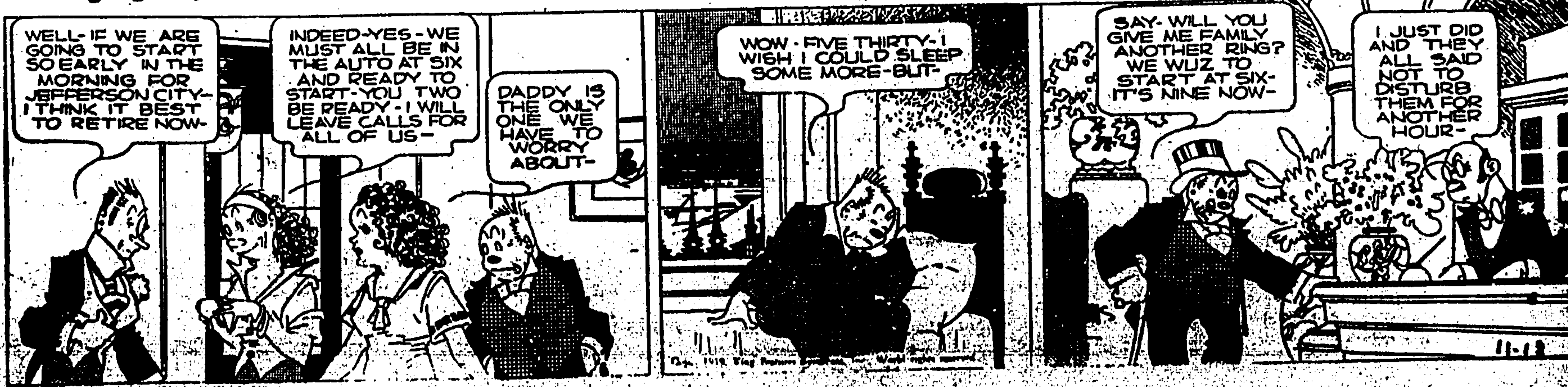
Seven Japanese planes raided Ichang at 9.40 on Sunday morning.

Twenty light bombs were dropped near the old East Gate.

Casualties were relatively few, although some wounded were treated at the hospital. No fires were started.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



FRANCE'S SUPER- ARTILLERY

Somewhere in France,
To-day.

Reuter's special correspondent with the French army describes a French gun crew exercising with a huge gun firing every few minutes live shells costing £350 each.

The crew planted five shells within a circle 20 yards in diameter in a far away village which was battered to ruins in the last war and is still serving as a practise target in the present war.

Mounted on ten bogeys, the whole weighing 150 tons, the gun can be moved about the countryside at a speed of 25 miles an hour.

When fired there is comparatively little smoke but a vivid sheet of flame and a terrific blast, so that at a distance of 100 yards it is necessary to stand very firm to avoid being thrown to the ground.

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Yet the gun recoils only a yard and a half, thanks to great blocks which absorb the shocks.

Another gun of even greater calibre is a huge mortar designed to smash the strongest positions by almost vertical fire.

There are still other types of guns calculated to make "old Bertha" of the last war look small, for though the French Army does not have a great opinion of such "stratosphere" guns, they are determined to have one better than the enemy.—Reuter.

SITUATION ON BORDER

Not a single Japanese soldier now remains on Chinese territory across the New Territories border, the entire military forces from Shataukok to Namtau having completed their withdrawal on Sunday.

Chinese national flags are once again, after an absence of almost four months, flying along the entire border.

The Chinese Maritime Customs also proceeded across the border on Sunday and retook possession of their former offices and stations at different points on the border.

No Chinese troops had returned to Shumchun on Sunday, but according to reports last night it was learned that some plainclothes soldiers had arrived at Namtau, Shumchun and Shataukok, to make preparations for accommodating the Chinese forces operating along the Canton-Kowloon Line.

It is learned that His Excellency the Governor visited the border on Sunday afternoon.

WARNING AGAINST ATROCITIES

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a broadcast, said it was vital that we should be upheld in the war by invincible faith in the rightness of our cause.

He warned against "unrestricted competition in atrocities with the enemy."

As time went on and just indignation rose against some of the enemy's methods there would be angry demands to pay them back in their own coin.

THERE ARE LIMITS

"Some reprisals there must be, but there will be limits below which we must not go. The ideals for which we went to war must not be forgotten in the peace."

The Primate recalled that when Abraham Lincoln was asked "Do you think God is on our side?" he replied "I don't know, but what matters is that we should be on the side of God."

The Archbishop concluded: "Can we doubt that whatever our shortcomings and sins as a nation, in contending for the eternal absolute verities of right and wrong we are acting in accordance with the will of God?"—Reuter.

JAPANESE PAOTOW CLAIMS

Peiping, To-day.

In order to refute alleged Chinese propaganda claims, the Japanese military authorities flew foreign correspondents to Paotow, where they spent 12 hours interviewing the local Japanese military authorities.

The correspondents returned yesterday and reported that Paotow was untouched by fighting and that all is now quiet, although a small Chinese force succeeded in forcing entry at one stage of the fighting.

The main Chinese force was subsequently beaten off with severe losses due to aerial bombing, and the Chinese are now in full retreat.—Reuter.

REPORT DENIED

Shlukwan, To-day.

It is officially denied that the Japanese have occupied Yingtak and Yungyun.

Official reports state that pitched battles are being fought in areas several miles from the two cities.—Our Own Correspondent.



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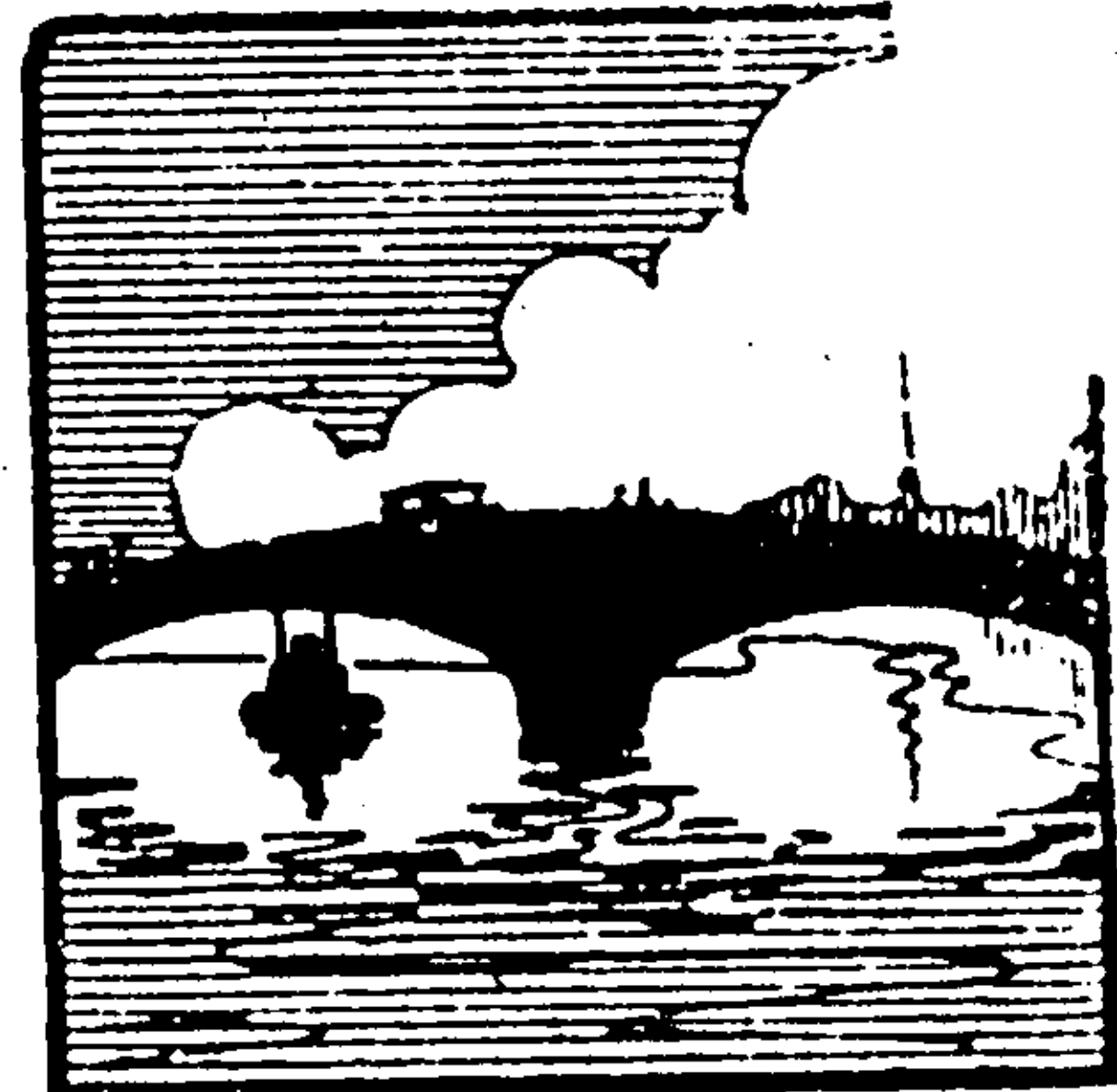
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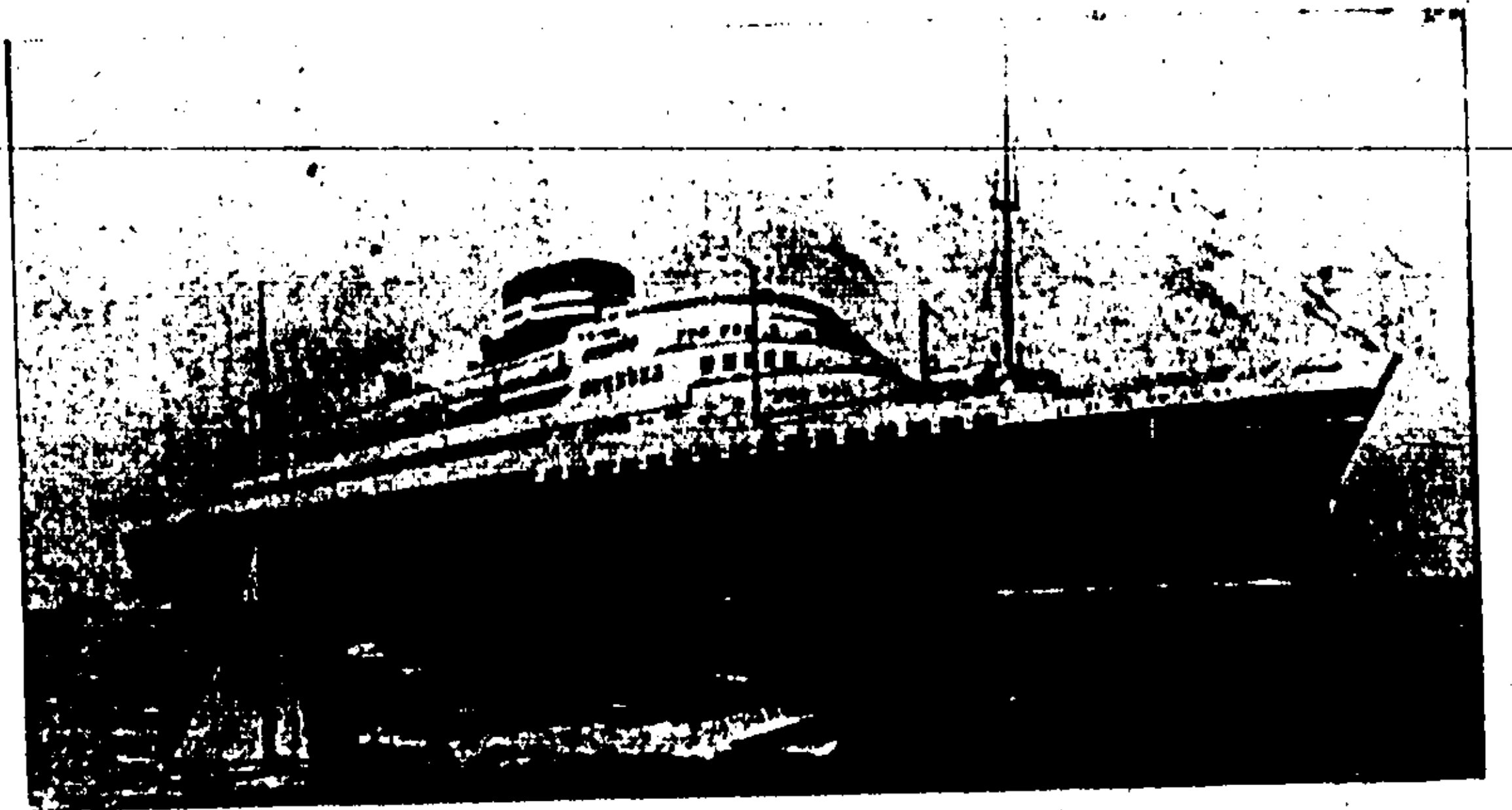
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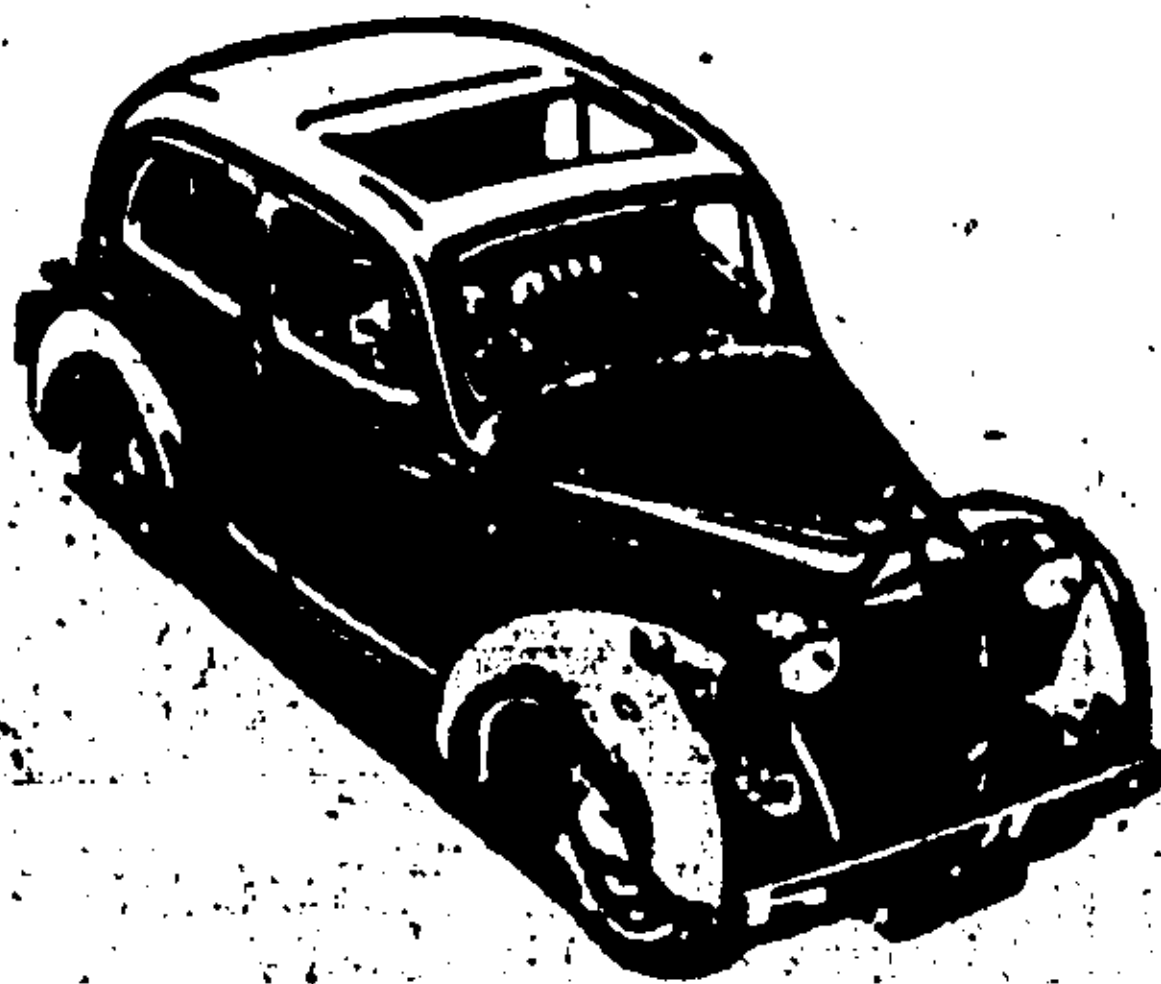
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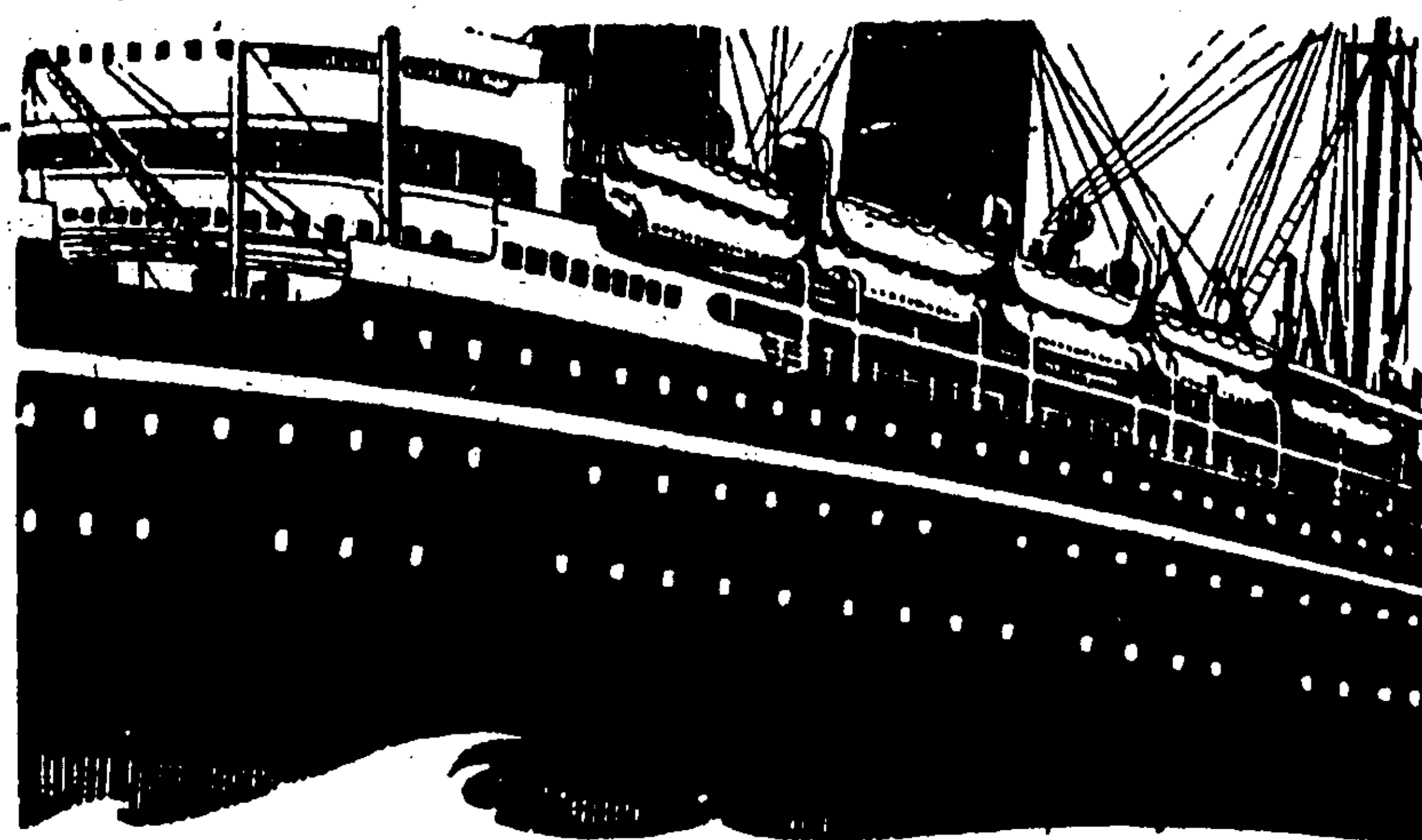


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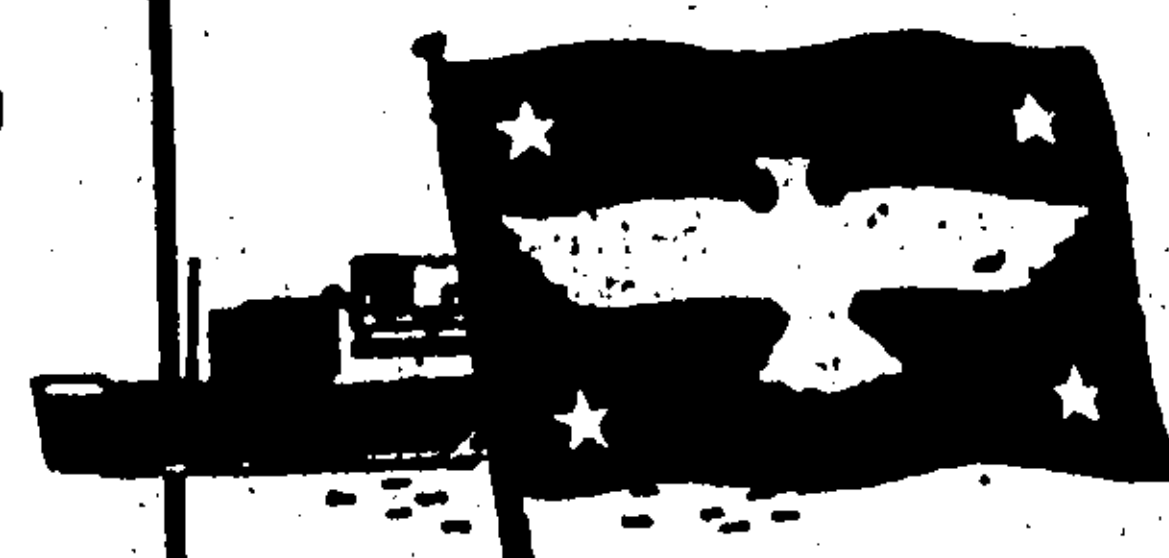
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Shanghai	Ord.,	Tues., Jan. 2, 9.30 a.m.
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th January	Reg.,	Tuesday, Jan. 2.
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Canton		Wed., Jan. 3, 7.15 a.m.
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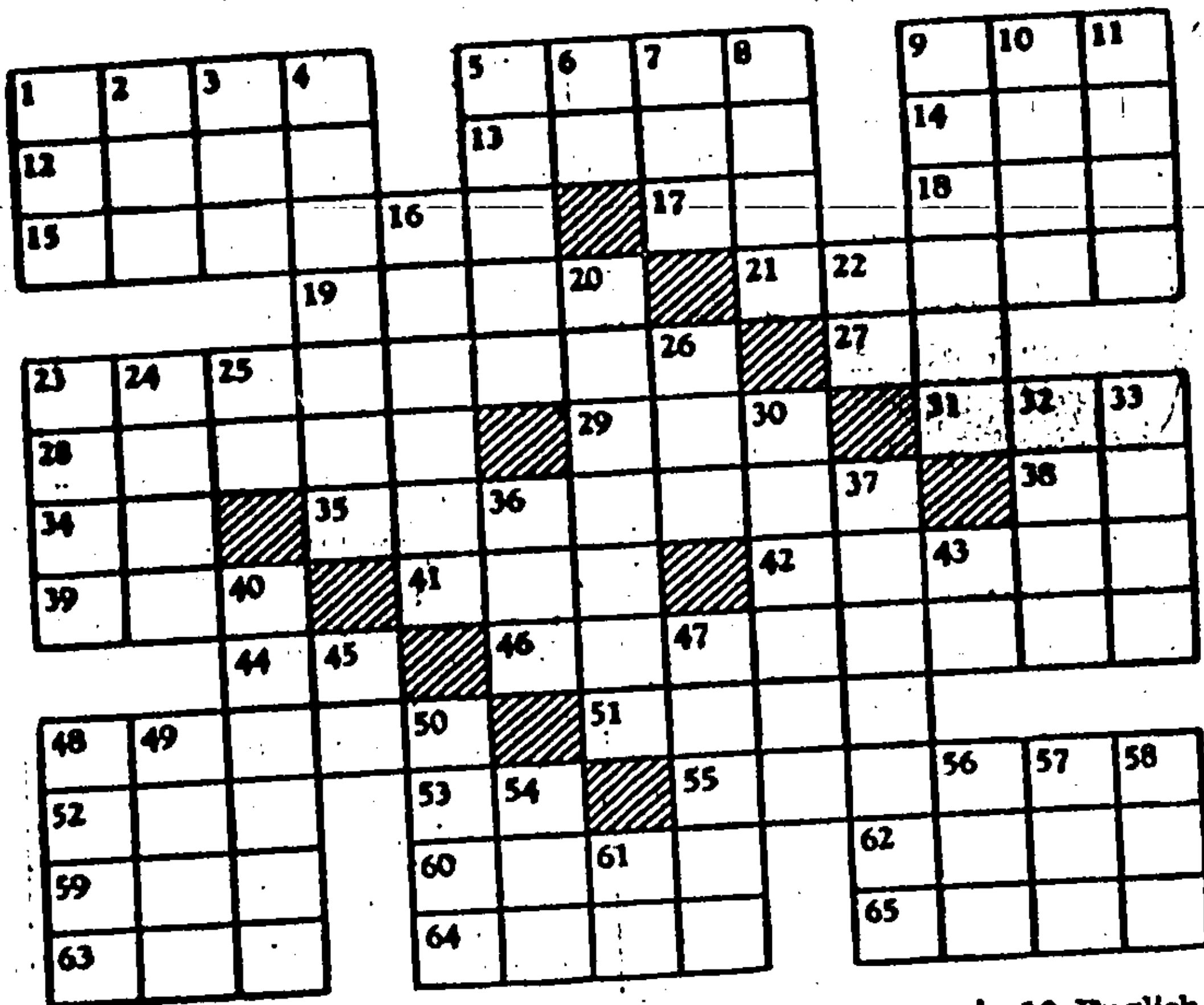
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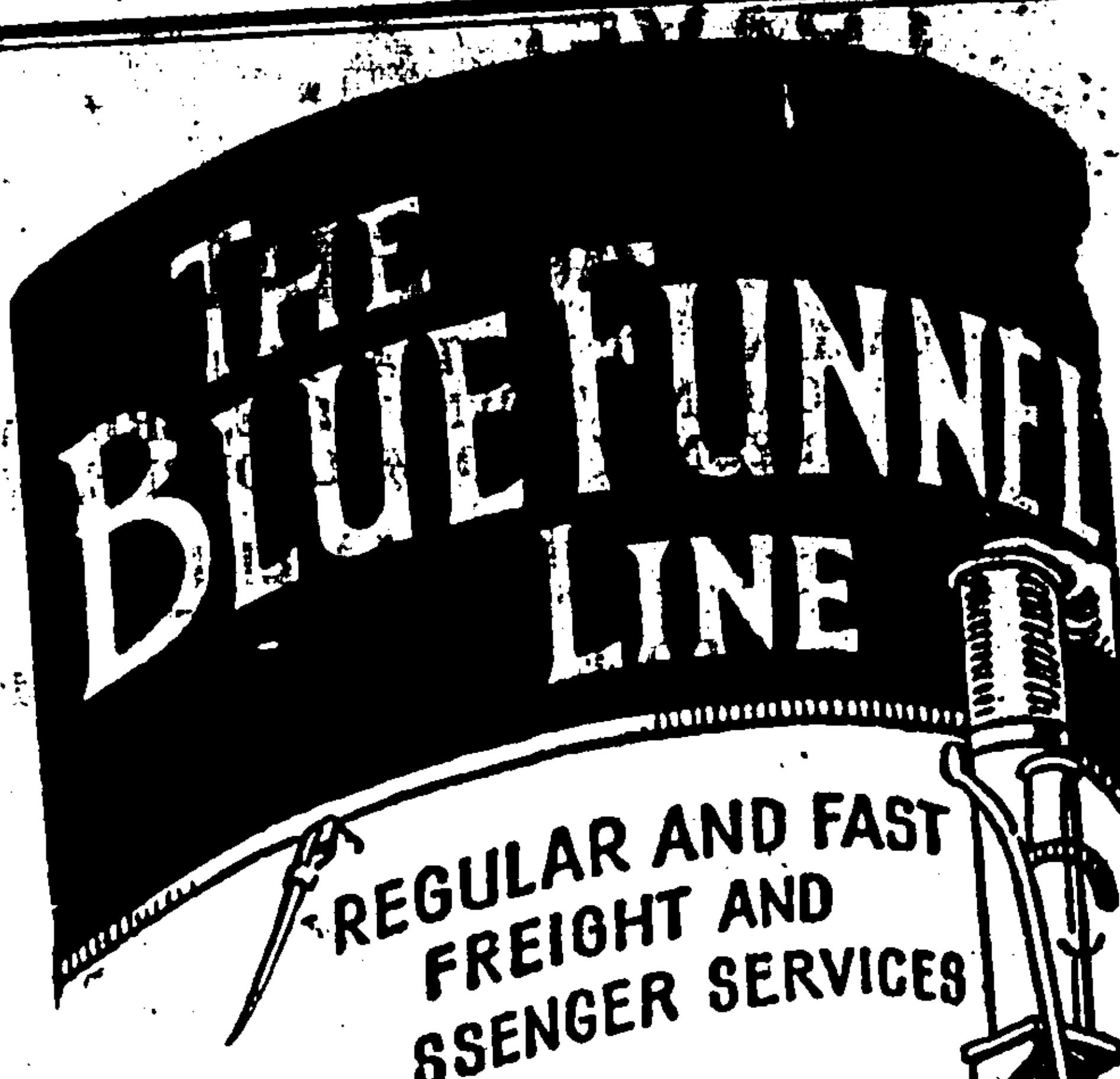
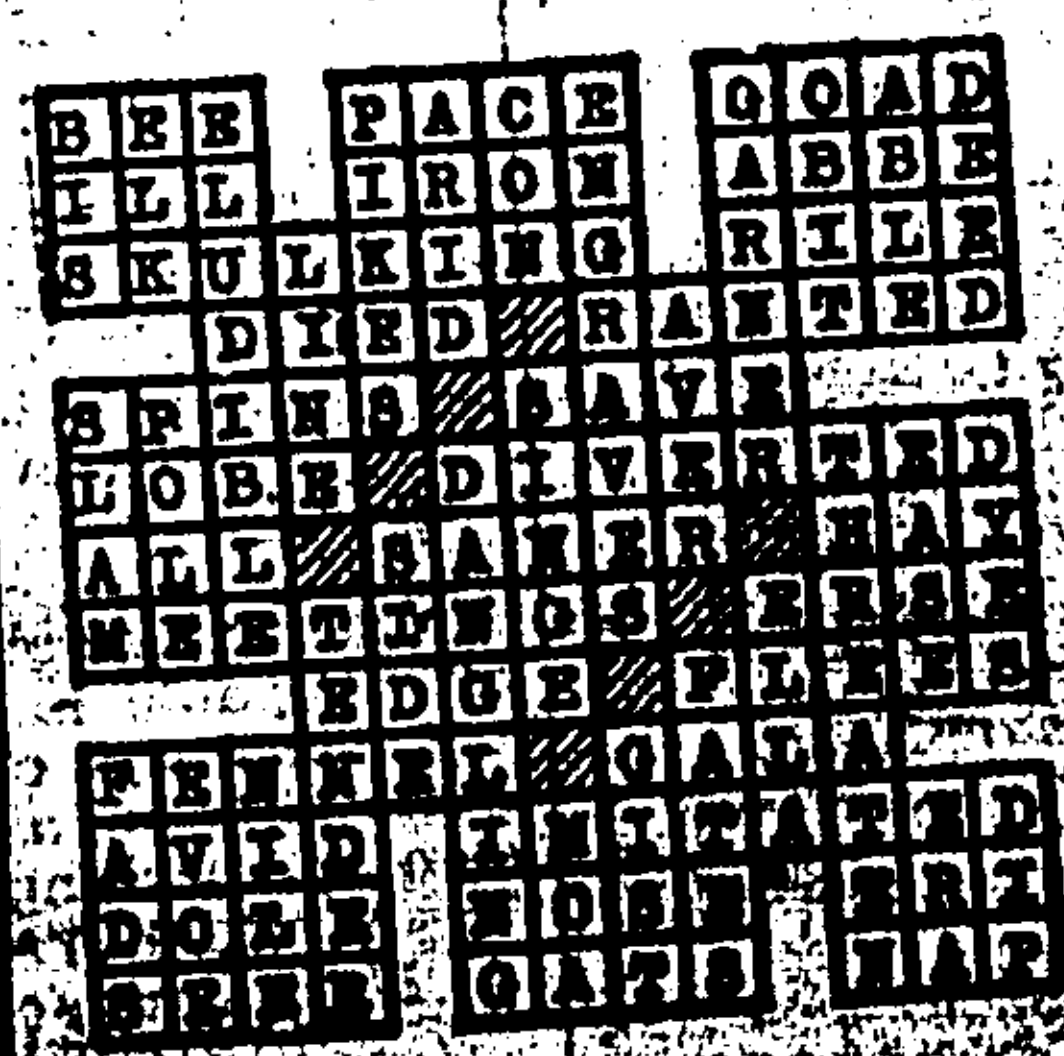
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1 Having colour
5 To desist
9 To batter
12 Confederate
13 Corn cake
14 Girl's name
15 More ignoble
17 One
18 Saying
19 Barren
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23 Rubs
27 Preposition
28 Ignores
29 Along
31 Newt
34 West Indian
35 Supports
38 Sloth
39 Dowry
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51 Toward
52 Beverage
53 That man

55 Figure of
equal angles.
59 Total
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covering
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resort
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VERTICAL
1 Son of Noah
2 Rubber tree
3 High note
4 Rulers
5 Shoot
6 Preposition
7 S. American
tribe
8 To hang
9 Secluded

10 English
river
11 Ship officer
16 Expunges
20 Sets apart
22 Egyptian
god
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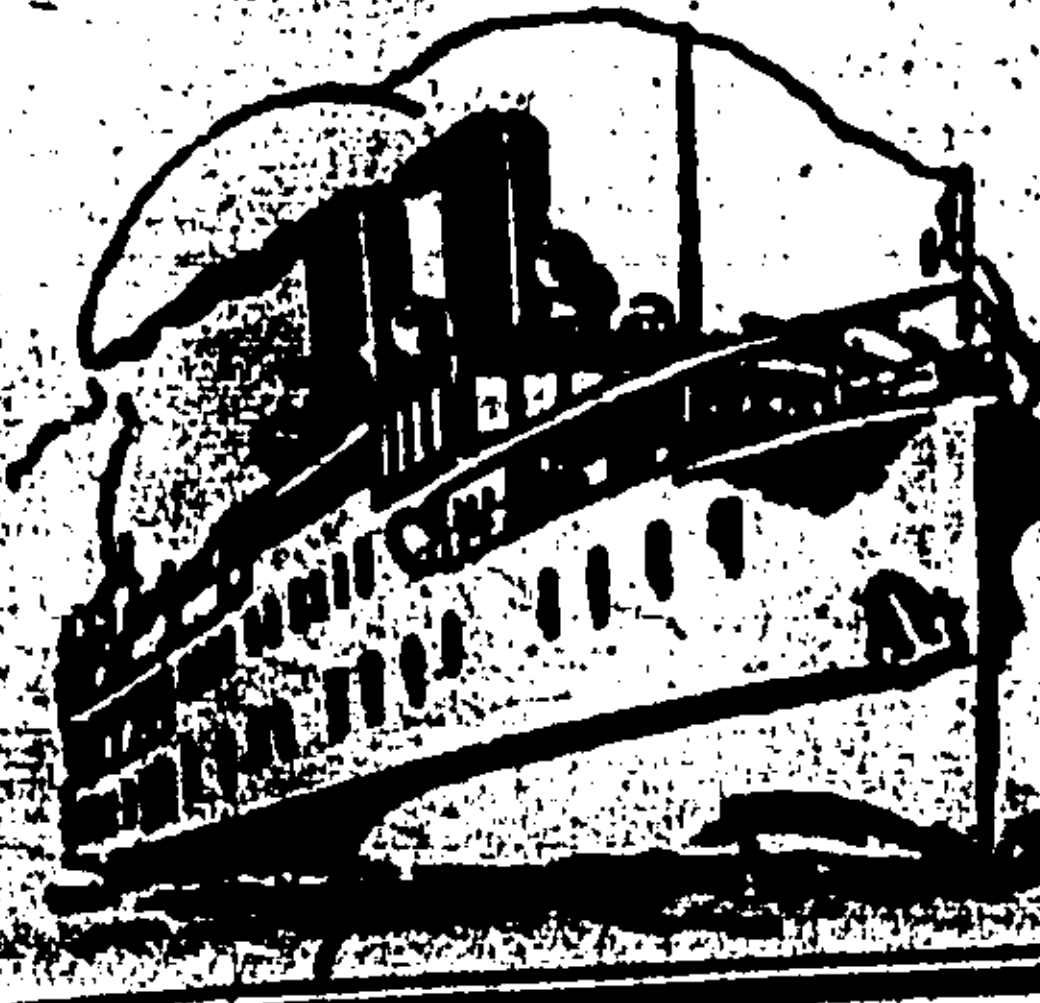
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term fisheries convention are stated to
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M. Molotov and Mr. Togo also dis-
cussed the projected new demarcation
of the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolian
frontier. — Reuter.

CZECHO-SLOVAK APPEAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Stressing that "Czecho-Slovakia is
still a sovereign state," the Czech
National Committee has issued an
appeal to the population urging it to
"unite in work and fight for a free
Czecho-Slovakia within a free
Europe."

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task was to watch over the fate of the
Czech people until the end of the
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THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

(Continued from Page 8)

Dr. Hax began with a pompous speech, obviously inspired by official instructions from the Government. "The main purpose of this dugout," he announced, "is to protect you against the violent atmospheric disturbances that we may possibly experience. There is a chance that these disturbances may begin upon nights before May 3; we shall be advised of approaching danger by radio and the warning will be relayed to you by a series of short peals upon the church bells. If you hear this you must take shelter in the dugout until the moon has set."

"But the critical period," he continued, "will most likely be from six o'clock upon the afternoon of the 3rd until the morning of the 4th. You will be free to take up your positions in the dugout from four o'clock that afternoon and must be there without fail by five."

He announced, amid applause, that Charlie Hurst and his Trio had promised to entertain the party with music that night, and the vicar would bring his gramophone.

I decided to go and spend a few days in London with my uncle and aunt at Notting Hill. Not only would I get the latest news at first hand but it was also my duty to go.

How deeply I regret that I ever went to London! How sincerely I wish that my last memories of the old world had been confined to those happy days in Beadle!

Waterloo Station was more like a deserted exhibition building than a busy railway terminus, and the collector took my ticket as if it were an out-worn formality of no further meaning.

The only normal things in London seemed to be Westminster Abbey, Uncle Henry and Aunt Rose. My uncle and aunt were delighted to see me come up so well. I was hungry for my lunch, but hungrier still for news.

"And now, uncle," I said, "tell me everything—just as if you were speaking to a man from the back of beyond—an indeed I am!"

Uncle Henry was fond of talking, and eagerly seized the opportunity.

London, it seemed, had behaved very much like Beadle upon receiving first news of the approaching calamity. The people were stunned and incredulous: they accepted the assurances of the Government, the radio, and newspapers because they were not in a fit condition to reason for themselves.

The most serious aspect of all was something that I had not anticipated. The passing of each moon had brought freakish and terrible convulsions to the sea. On February 23 the giant liner Gibraltar had disappeared in mid-Atlantic after one frantic, garbled SOS, and not a single fragment had been found to show what terrible fate had befallen her.

DOG BITES Are Dangerous,

a physician should therefore be consulted without delay if you have the misfortune to be bitten by a dog.

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The Queen Elizabeth, upon docking at Southampton a few days previously, had reported sudden whirlpools, and a towering wave, one evening towards sunset, that spanned the ocean from horizon to horizon. Driving northward with terrible power it had lifted the giant liner bodily with it—two miles from its course.

Shipping was not almost at a standstill, but the Government had foreseen this possibility and had for six months been laying in reserves of food. Still more disturbing were the outbreaks of lawlessness.

"The trouble began," my uncle said, "when the March moon was at its full. One night a hundred or so hooligans smashed down the doors of a dozen public houses and drank themselves mad; then looted some restaurants and grocery stores and beat six people to death."

"Those hooligans were not only drunk—they were crazed with fear as well. It must have been ghastly—in the glaring red light of that moon. ... We're safe enough in our houses; they go for the pubs and drink them out, then career around in twos and threes holding up people for their money."

"The Government have had to open a lot of emergency asylums. There's a closed van goes by here every morning, with screams coming out of it. They've cleared all the London prisons and filled the cells with lunatics: they're mostly pretty violent and want careful handling!"

"Every morning," put in Aunt Rose, "they have to go through all the shrubberies in the parks and cart away the suicides in an Army lorry. They've given up having inquests any more: they just bury them."

I rose from the table. I could not stand this any more. "I'll go for a walk around London," I said, "and see what it looks like."

It was a typical April afternoon with spells of warm sunlight.

The windows and doors of the King's Head public house at the corner of Ladbroke-grove were boarded over.

Massive steel doors, like those to our dugout at home, had been built across the opening to Notting Hill Tube Station. The tube railways had been closed for a month, and the railway-men had been employed in turning the tunnels and underground halls into massive fortresses against the moon.

Massive barriers of reinforced concrete had been built in the tunnels between the stations, so that if one entrance to the railway system were broken down the flooding would be limited to that section alone.

**TO-MORROW:
The moon strikes
the earth**

Witty Kitty



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BRITAIN LAYING FOUNDATION FOR MIGHTY ARMY

London, To-day.

NEARLY 2,000,000 MEN are affected by a Royal Proclamation signed last night making liable for military service all men who have reached 19 years but not 28, on January 1 and January 30.

NORTH SEA SHIPPING LOSSES

London, To-day.

The British steamer Boxhill (5,677 tons) sank in the North Sea yesterday following an explosion. Twelve of the crew of 32 and one body were landed at a north-east coast port; it is feared the other 19 are lost.

According to a message from Haugesund, the Norwegian steamer Luna (959 tons) struck a mine in the North Sea yesterday.

The crew were rescued by another Norwegian cargo vessel, the Columbia, and taken to Koper-vik.—Reuter.

NAZIS ARE REVIVING SLAVERY

Authentic information on Germany's plans for Poland reveals that the Nazis intend to create a new slave class which will serve what the "Warschauer Zeitung"—the German Government organ for Poland—is already calling "the German master race."

Evidence of the existence of this class, whose status can be compared only with that of the negro slaves who were bought and sold, is to be seen on a big reservation east of Lublin.

Jews and some Poles are being moved into it. The Lublin railway station is choked with trains dumping thousands of destitute families who are herded behind barbed wire and put to work for 12 hours a day constructing roads and buildings and labouring in fields. Men up to the age of 70 and women up to 55 are forced to work.

JEWS STARVED

It is planned eventually to extend the slave area to receive 240,000 Jews and prisoners from Germany, 210,000 from parts of Poland, 150,000 from Bohemia, and 65,000 from Vienna.

Meanwhile, until they can be moved, Jews all over Poland are being starved and broken in spirit by harsh regulations. Around Lodz Jews are forced to wear yellow armbands and are forbidden to leave their homes between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

For weeks Hans Frank, on Hitler's orders, has been trying to find responsible Poles who will take Cabinet posts in a Puppet Administration, but even threats of imprisonment have not produced acceptances.

Prague is now being "cleaned up" and hundreds of Czechs have gone to prison camps. Guards have had to tear down signs erected at night warning Germans to leave Prague before the Russians arrive. Though all universities are closed and everything possible is being done to terrorise the population, underground activity is said to be continuing.

MONARCHY PLAN REPORTED

Other reports from Germany state that:

Hitler has had a long interview with Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, and the Nazis are considering a plan to set up a figurehead monarchy under him. Military sources say Germany is perfecting a new torpedo with a range of ten miles.

Visitors to the Ruhr region return to Berlin with stories of a tremendous

This new method of specifying the number of age groups simultaneously instead of one at a time, as formerly, is adopted largely for administrative reasons.

Registration of men covered by the Proclamation will not take place immediately, nor will all the men required register at the same time.

Men of 19 will not be called until they reach 20.

The speed of registration and the calling up of the new groups will be made in the light of manpower requirements of the three fighting forces.

NEARLY THREE MILLION

In the meantime no action is required of the men concerned until public announcement of the date of registration of the various age groups, which will follow at carefully worked out intervals.

The total number of men who, since the introduction of compulsory service, have registered or are liable for service, is now between 2,500,000 and 2,750,000, in addition to men who were members of the regular, reserve or auxiliary forces before war and those entered as volunteers since.—Reuter.

NOTICES SOON

London, To-day.

The last reserved occupation will naturally decrease the gross total of those now made liable to military service, but such exceptions will not be very numerous until the age of 25 is reached.

Men who registered in October are now nearly all called up. The remainder will probably be called in the middle of January.

None of those registered in December have yet been called up, but some are expected to receive notices in a week or two, and the whole group may be absorbed by the end of February.

Under the proclamation, nation of the Dominion are not liable to be called up if they are not ordinarily resident in Britain, the qualification for ordinary residence being more than two years.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Exemption will be made in cases like overseas students attending a course of education.

It is understood that arrangements are being made for Australians and Canadians to transfer to their respective contingents now in Britain.

Sir Thomas Phillips, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, stated last night that probably all new classes will be called to the Colours by the end of 1940, and added that the earliest practicable date for calling up the 23-year old group is not likely to be before March 1.—Reuter.

"DON'T FORGET YOUR WIVES!"

There's a new song likely to make a bit hit with Tommies in France—and their wives at home! Here's the chorus:

"So don't forget your wife, boys, because she's far away.

"Keep her in your minds, boys, and send her half your pay.

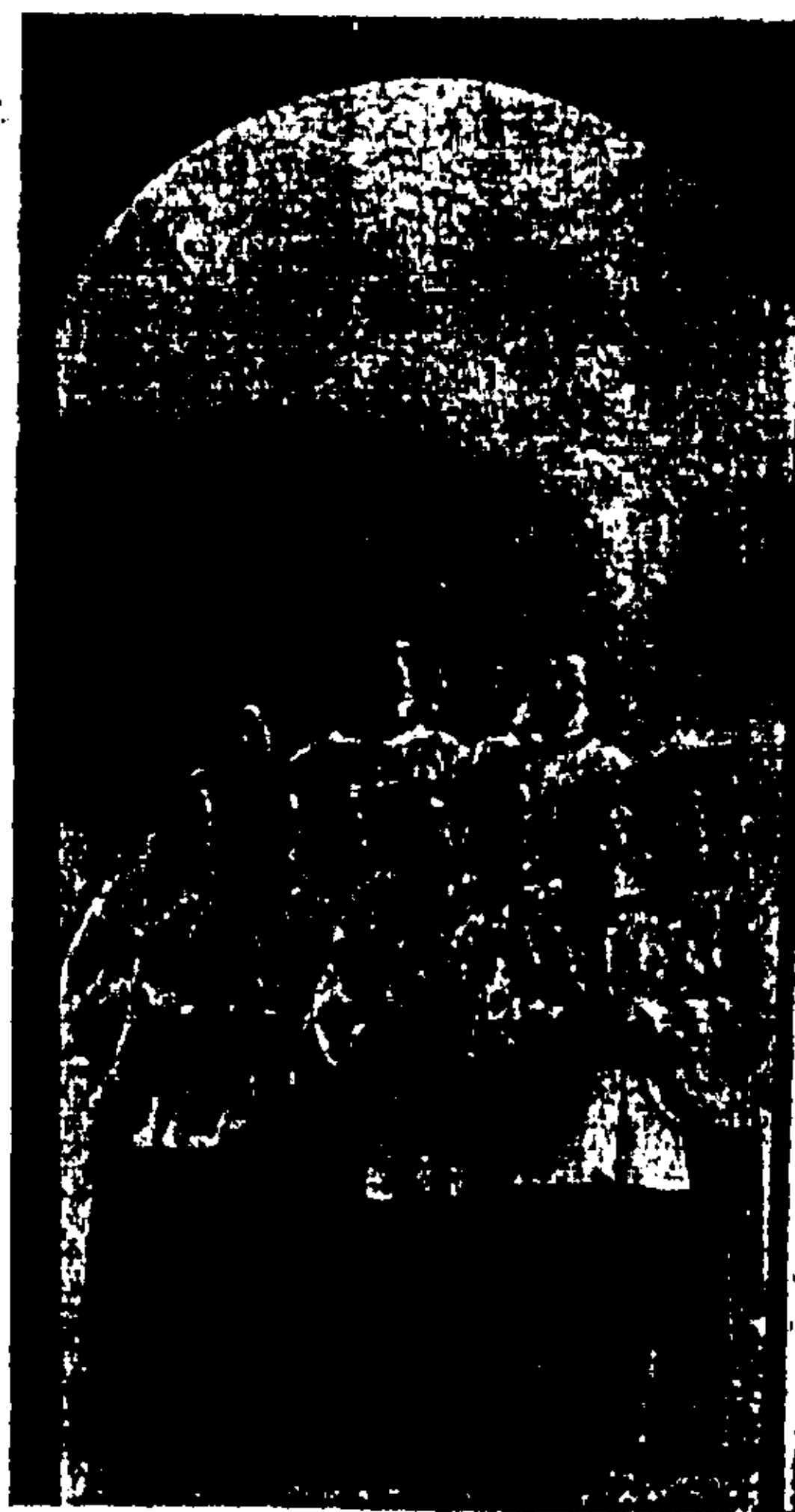
"She's waiting for your letter, so write and you'll feel better.

"Don't forget your wife, boys, but write her every day."

There are several verses. Some describe romantic situations in which the soldier may find himself which may lure him into temporary forgetfulness.

The song was sung in public for the first time at the second concert given for and by the troops in France.

drive there to increase the output of the iron and steel industries. A new hospital is full of workpeople and military injured in accidents.



Boys of St. Mary-of-the-Angels Song School, Addlestone, Surrey, practising their Christmas carols. The boys will miss their Jack-a-lanterns this year owing to the blackout but their voices did not suffer. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

HOME FOOTBALL

NEW YEAR'S DAY MATCHES

London, To-day.

The following were the results of football matches played yesterday.

South "A"	
Charlton	2 Arsenal 6
South "B"	
Queen's Park	3 Reading 0
East Midlands	
Doncaster	1 Sheffield U. 2
Western	
Liverpool	7 Crewe 3
Friendly Matches	
Blackburn	4 Huddersfield 2
Barnsley	5 Wednesday 0
Darlington	3 Leeds 1
Carlisle	2 Bradford C. 2
Manchester U.	1 Blackpool 4
Middlesborough	5 Newcastle 2
New Brighton	6 Accrington 0
South Port	2 Everton 2
Manchester C.	7 Stockport 2
Chesterfield	7 Leicester 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Western	
Airdrie	1 Albion R. 4
Ayr	2 Queen O'S 1
Celtic	1 Rangers 1
Dumbarton	3 Morton 2
Motherwell	1 Hamilton 1
Partick	3 Clyde 2
St. Mirren	7 Kilmarnock 5
Third Lanark	2 Queen's Park 4
Eastern	
Alloa	3 Stenhousemuir 1
Arbroath	2 Aberdeen 1
Dundee U.	2 Dundee 1
Dunfermline	2 Cowdenbeath 1
Falkirk	4 St. Johnstone 0
Hibernian	5 Hearts 6
Raith R.	2 East Fife 5

— Reuter.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAM

The following team will represent the 1st XI of Hong Kong Hockey Club against Royal Engineers' on Club Ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow:—V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed, N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates, S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), T. D. Whitley and B. I. Bickford.

PLANES OVER HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.
It is officially announced that several planes of unknown nationality passed over north-Friesland last night. Anti-aircraft guns opened fire and the planes disappeared.—Reuter.

PASSPORTS FAKED FOR SPIES

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

ACCORDING TO BELGIAN SOURCES, NAZI SPIES ARE GETTING FAKED PASSPORTS AT £50 EACH FROM A GANG WITH ASSOCIATES IN LONDON.

Frederick Hardter, a 31-year-old German spy, who was arrested by military police at Ostend, said that he acquired a forged passport made out in the name of Henry Bell.

"It was passed to me by an enemy agent from a distributing headquarters in London," he said to the examining magistrate at Antwerp.

POLICE SWOOPED

The forgers, are believed to be the remnants of a famous gang which once operated from Milan. When the Italian police swooped — after co-operation with Scotland Yard on certain British aspects of the gang's activities—three of the "ace" draughtsmen disappeared.

Hardter is believed to be associated with four men, claiming to be Italians, who have been arrested at Liege on espionage charges.

Their chief was Rudolph Cuder, whose son is serving with the German Army. Cuder's children, carefully coached by their father, used to haunt the cafes frequented by Belgian soldiers.—Our Own Correspondent.

OUR MODEST AIR FORCE

London, To-day.

R.A.F. planes which carry out the daily "security patrol" over the Nazi North Sea bases are generally in the air for five or six hours.

They accomplish subsidiary tasks, such as attacking, and often sinking, enemy submarines.

Despite the danger, our pilots show a high degree of nonchalance in their reports.

They have to meet enemy pom-pom fire and machinegun fire and freezing weather, and yet a pilot can return and report laconically:

"Returned from patrol. Flew over Sylt at 20.00 hours at 1,500 feet."

Sylt is one of the bases from which Nazi minelaying planes used to operate.—Reuter.

POLITICAL STORM IN CANADA

A political storm which has swept over Montreal concerning the placing of war contracts threatens the party truce existing since the outbreak of war. It may result in a demand for a General Election, a thing which Mr. Mackenzie King's Government wished to avoid for the time being on account of the cost and the possible upset of the national war effort.

In a statement issued to the Press Dr. Robert Manion, the Conservative leader, charged the Government with political patronage and favouritism in the placing of war orders, and demanded the immediate summoning of Parliament.

Mr. Mackenzie King denied any fault in Dr. Manion's charges, and challenged him to produce specific details.

LADY JORDAN DEAD

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Lady Jordan, widow of Sir John Jordan, who was British Minister at Paris from 1919 to 1920.—Reuter.

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CHARITY SOCCER

SERVICES HOLD REST

Intermediate Line Hold Opposing Forwards

SAW PLAYS WELL AT INSIDE—LEFT

(By "REFEREE")

A FAIRLY INTERESTING football game was witnessed at Causeway Bay yesterday when the United Services drew with the "Rest of the Colony" in a charity game in aid of the British War Organisation fund.

The Rest team made several last-minute changes. Fung King-cheong was replaced by Cheuk Shek-kam, while in the defence, Maxwell, of Kowloon, took the place of Leung Wing-chui and Hau Yung-sang played in place of Lee Tinsang.

The only change in the United Services team was the replacement of Sheehan by Hendy.

The United services played much better than anticipated and fully extended the Rest team and in the first half should have added further goals when Hossack had hard luck in hitting the upright twice.

Their intermediate-line played well and were able to assist their forwards to a great extent. Freshwater and Wilkinson, the wing halves, were on top form and held the "Rest" winners easily. In the centre, Layle played a sound game and had Lee Wai-tong well covered.

Thorburn and Saw, despite what has been said of them, played extraordinarily good games. Thorburn kept his position better and his passes to the other forwards were good. He kept Hossack well pried with passes. His goal, the first of the match, was an excellent one.

Saw, at inside left, delighted with his footwork and showed fine ball control, his deft touches keeping the Rest defence worried. Phippens, on the right wing, sent over good centres, while Duffield on the other wing, also shone with his interpassing with Saw.

STATED SHAKILY

The Rest team started off very shakily and but for Cheung Wing-choy in goal the Services would have established a good lead in the first half.

Blackburn and Hau Yung-sang were not a steady pair of backs. The former covered well but had too much thrown on his shoulders by the wandering tactics of Maxwell, who continually left his winger unmarked. Hau was erratic in his kicking and was a shadow of his former self when he represented the Colony against Manila.

Forrow in the pivotal position worked hard but did not really settle down. His tackling was good but he was badly at fault with his distribution. Hsu, on his left, was a great spoiler.

Maxwell, who was brought in at the last moment and is a candidate for Interport honours, was badly at fault with his play in the first half. He was too inclined to roam towards the centre of the field with the result that his winger was unmarked. In the second half he played an improved game and kept to his position better.

The forward line was not impressive. Hau Ching-to was not in his usual form, in fact he was still feeling the effects of an injury. A. V. Gosano fed him well but Freshwater generally had his measure. Lee Wai-tong did not have many scoring chances while Cheuk Shek-kam did not fit into the attack.

THE PLAY

The Services pressed from the start and the Rest were hard put to keep their goal intact. Thorburn opened the scoring with a good shot following some good work on the left. Hossack had hard luck in not increasing the lead shortly after but

eventually scored. Lee Wai-tong scored both goals for the Rest, one of which was from a penalty. All the goals were scored in the first half.

United Services:—Robinson (Navy); Hill (Service Corps), Hendy (Navy); Freshwater (Middlesex), Layle (Navy), Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phippens (Navy), Thorburn (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Saw (Middlesex), Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Rest of Colony:—Cheung Wing-choy (South China); Hau Yung-sang (South China), Blackburn (Police); Maxwell (Kowloon), Farrow (Club), Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Fowler (Club), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

CHIP AND RUN

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

A good approach technique from just off the green can save a number of putts. The player shouldn't be satisfied just to place the ball on the green from this point. He should try to place the ball as near to the pin as possible. To accomplish this requires not only a delicate stroke but also a keen sense of visualisation. By this I mean that before the shot is made the golfer should imagine in his mind just where he wants the ball to land on the green to bounce and roll to the cup. The landing spot should be a level one and strategically placed. Then gripping the club low on the leather, the player can hit the ball with a modified swing, letting the loft of the clubhead raise the ball. No attempt should be made to scoop it up. Let the hands follow through in modified form so that they will be pointed toward the hole at the finish.

Wednesday. — Contact.



Henry Cotton, world famous golfer, and his bride, former Mrs. Moss, an Argentinian, photographed after their wedding at Caxton Hall, London, on December 11. (Copyright, Fox).

ENJOYABLE CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT K.C.C.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL KIDDIES' sports meeting was held at Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, the children of the members' as well as the members themselves being fully entertained.

Mrs. R. E. Lindsell distributed the prizes to the winners, following which Miss Margaret Fincher presented her with a vase of flowers, decorated with the green and red colours of the Club.

Following are the results:—

GIRLS' EVENTS

Flat Race (Handicap), over 11 and under 14:—1, Fay Carlo; 2, J. Jill; 3, Sylvia Boas.

Skiping Race (Handicap), under 9: 1, Joyce Cave; 2, Margaret Walker; 3, Coralie Wolfe.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 8 and under 11:—1, Elizabeth Gittins; 2, Phyllis Harper; 3, Angela Court.

Potato Race (Scratch), under 12:—1, Joan Taylor; 2, Pamela Durran; 3, Christina Brown.

Egg and Spoon Race (Scratch), under 8:—1, Joyce Naef; 2, Laureen Cle-mo; 3, Daphne Yeo.

Flat Race (Handicap), under 4:—1, Joyce Naef; 2, Sally Gaby; 3, Margaret Langley.

Flat Race (Handicap) over 4 and under 6:—1, Avril Court; 2, Sally Gaby; 3, Shirley Lo.

Skiping Race (Handicap) over 9 and under 14:—1, Pamela Burman; 2, Dorothy Rowe; 3, Rosemary Langley.

Flat Race (Handicap) over 6 and under 8:—1, Anne Jeffries; 2, Rosemary Brown; 3, Coralie Wolfe.

Musical Chairs, under 12:—1, Joan Taylor; 2, Yvonne McIntyre; 3, Christina Brown.

Egg and Spoon Race (Scratch), over 8 and under 14:—1, Cynthia Lo; 2, Vivienne Rowe; 3, Jill Stokes.

Relay Race (Teams of four), under 14:—Jacqueline Kew, Fern Ellis, Margaret Morgan and Margaret Walker.

BOYS' EVENTS

Flat Race (Handicap) over 11 and under 14:—1, George Guest; 2, Basil Old; 3, John Fabel.

Boat Race (Scratch), under 9:—1, John Naef; 2, Peter Smith; 3, Andrew Fabel.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 8 and under 11:—1, Michael Harriman; 2, Norman Lo; 3, John Harriman.

Back Race (Handicap), over 9 and under 14:—1, Harold Brown; 2, John Fabel; 3, Peter Green.

Obstacle Race (Handicap), under 12: 1, George Guest; 2, Stanley Clarke; 3, Jack Tinson.

Flat Race (Handicap), under 4:—

1, Carl Naef; 2, Allan Hyde; 3, John Curry.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 4 and under 6:—1, Sydney Minshell; 2, Ricardo Basto; 3, Peter Guest.

Potato Race (Scratch), under 12:—1, Donald Lo; 2, Paul Harriman; 3, Andrew Fabel.

Flat Race (Handicap) over 6 and under 8:—1, Norman Lo; 2, Peter Mc-Rae; 3, Donald Jordan.

Tug-of-War (Teams of eight), over 4 and under 8:—C. Brown, J. Ramsey, V. Tipple, M. Hall, H. Brown, G. Curry, E. Guest and A. Carlo.

Three Legged Race (Handicap), under 12:—1, S. Clarke and P. Harriman; 2, A. Jex and M. Lee; 3, E. Guest and J. Tinson.

Relay Race (Teams of four), under 14:—Donald Lo, Roderick Kitchell, Michael Harriman and John Fraser.

SPECIAL EVENT

Band Race:—1, Rifleman Lal Singh, 2, Rifleman Chattr Singh; 3, Rifleman Panch Singh.

At Kowloon Football Club yesterday the President's team beat Vice-President's team by 5 shots.

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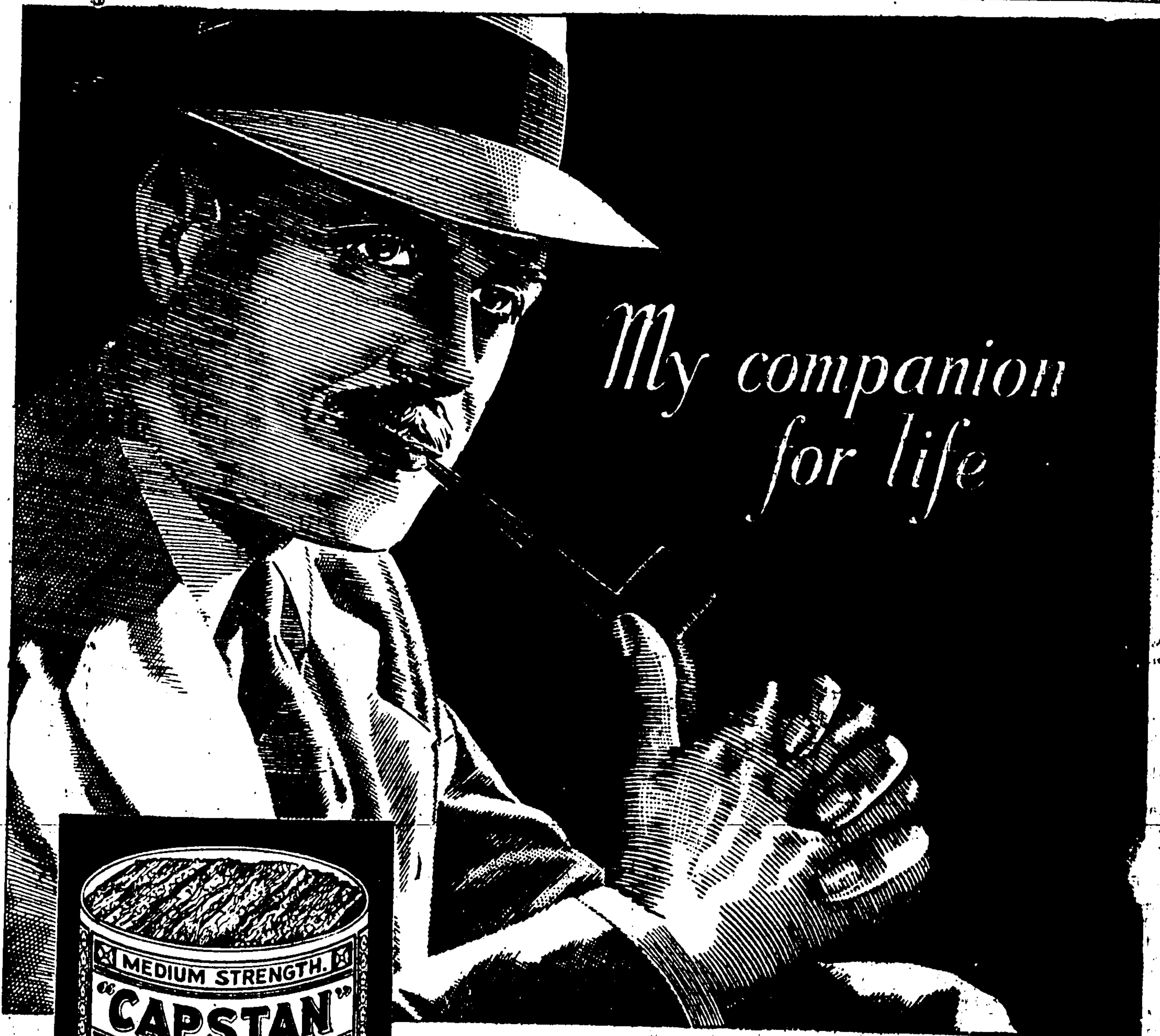


H.K. LEAGUE FOOTBALLER IN R.A.F. IN FRANCE

Friends in the Colony of Aircraftsman Len Harvey (not the boxer) will be interested to learn that he is now with the Royal Air Force in France.

Harvey, who was in the Air Force when in Hong Kong in 1929, played for R.A.F. in the League and later for St. Joseph's Football Club in 1930. He returned to England the following year and at the termination of his service went into civilian life, but on the outbreak of war he returned to his unit. He was married last year.

At the screening of the M.G.M. newsreel shown recently in conjunction with "Sergeant Madden," Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Football Association, and other St. Joseph's footballers were astonished to see him bidding farewell to his wife, and through the courtesy of Mr. Greenberg, of M.G.M., these two pictures were secured.



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ANDERSON'S CENTURY

Feature of the annual University Past v Present cricket match played at Pokfulam yesterday was the century of D. J. N. Anderson, who hit 17 fours.

Past made 234 for 7, but, thanks to a stand by G. Hong Choy (23) and W. S. Gegg (43) and useful scores by Lingam and Mahmoud, they managed to play out time with only one wicket intact.

PAST

D. J. N. Anderson, c Lingam, b Gegg	100
D. Hung, c Mahmoud, b Hong Choy	1
W. Hong Sling, b Gegg	6
A. H. Rumjahn, run out	17
J. L. Youngsaye, not out	35
C. W. Lam, b Hong Choy	20
A. Bakar, run out	6
F. R. Zimmern, run out	35
Extras (B12, LB1, WB1)	14

Total (for 7 wks.) 234
A. T. Lee, L. Choa and E. Zimmern did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gegg	11	0	53	2
Hong Choy	8	1	64	2
Mahmoud	5	0	26	0
R. Singh	2	0	31	0
Lo	2	0	15	0
Matthews	3	0	26	0
Tam	0.4	0	5	0

Gegg bowled a wide.

PRESENT

K. Y. Tam, c Anderson, b Zimmern	13
C. N. Matthews, lbw., b Bakar	7
J. Tsui, lbw., b Bakar	5
K. S. Oh, b Bakar	10
G. Hong Choy, b Anderson	23
W. S. Gegg, lbw., b Anderson	43
Kenneth Lo, b Anderson	5
V. Lingam, st. E. Zimmern, b A. H. Rumjahn	22
Syed Mahmoud, not out	14
L. H. Tan, c Youngsaye, b Bakar	0
R. Singh, not out	8
Extras (B26, LB4, WB7, NB1)	38

Total (for 9 wks.) 188

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmern	8	2	30	1
Bakar	11	1	37	4
Lam	7	1	25	0
Hong Sling	4	0	32	0
Anderson	9	4	17	3
Rumjahn	2	0	9	1

Bakar bowled a no-ball.

Hong Sling, Anderson (4) and Rumjahn (2) bowled wides.

NAVY "A" RUGBY TEAM

The following have been selected to play for Navy "A" v Club "A" tomorrow on Hong Kong Club Ground, kick off 4.45 p.m.:—Writer Snell (Tamar); Marine Jeffries (Stonecutters); Midshipman Teare (Danae); Sub-Lieut. Richards (M.T.B.'s) and S. B. A. Addis (Tamar); Midshipman O'Riordan (Danae and A. N. Other; Cpl. Marron (Tamar); S. B. A. Davis (Tamar) (Continued at Foot of Next Column)



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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUAD")

THE Royal Scots were all out on Saturday to avenge the defeat they suffered from the hands of Club the week previous, and although they were not able to ensure their passage into the next round of the Senior Shield they did enough to earn the right to battle things out with the Club again later.

The Scots displayed good form, and, if they find it possible to liven their play up on the wings, seem likely to improve greatly. The injury to Falconer their centre half, which kept him out of football this week-end, gave Parnaby a chance to show his paces at centre half which he took full advantage of; he played a grand game throughout always being in position when wanted.

The 'Royals' were the only Army side engaged in the senior competition, but several sides were on view in the Junior shield. 30th Heavy Battery, as generally expected, easily defeated Club, but the ease with which they did so was a little surprising. Club have an awkward habit of turning in surprising games at times! The game between Signals and Engineers was a battle royal and the Signals deserve full credit for putting up such a good display against a combination such as the Engineers.

I WROTE a few weeks ago on the subject of senior players being reinstated as junior players to assist second teams after the first eleven has been put out of the running in a competition, and also of players appearing for more than one team. A glaring incident of this sort occurred over the week-end. No doubt official action will be taken in the matter; in any case it should be. Two players, who on Saturday turned out for their side in the Senior shield, appeared on the field once more on Sunday to play for another side from the same club. I was amazed at the way it was done, there being no attempt at camouflage and I thought there must be some rule covering it. As far as I can see, however, the rule which states "Players who have played in the Senior Challenge Shield Competition during the current season shall not be eligible to play in the Junior Challenge Shield Competition" is the only one which applies.

THE Cross Country run will take place this year on March 14. The Athletic meeting itself is to be held on the afternoon of April 23, all day on April 24 and the afternoon of April 25. If it is wet on these days the meeting will be held on 29th and 30th April and May 1. This is an extra afternoon compared with the time allotted last year. Another innovation this year is that a limit has been put on the number of events an individual may enter. This has been done in order to counter the way in which so many events have been won in the past by one person. The limit has been placed at four events which I think is quite fair.

As before, the meeting will be held on the Polo ground, Kowloon, which is about the only ground suitable from the point of view of size. The Tug-of-War will be pulled off up to the final round before the meeting takes place and the finals in both the 110 and 130 stone class will take place on the last day of the meeting.

It seems to be looking rather a way ahead to talk about events which are to be held in March and April, but in Athletics three months is little enough time to make a man properly fit.

ar), Ldg. Sig. Inglis (Tamar), A. B. Longmuir (Thames), L. S. Spirit (M.T.B.'s), Surg. Lieut. Dunlop (Tamar), L. S. Jones (Danae) and Midshipman Murray Jones (Danae).
Reserves—A. B. Newburn (Patrol), L. S. White (M.T.B.'s), P. S. Adams (Danae), D. S. Jones (Danae) and P. S. Jones (Danae).

FREE FORESTERS HAVE GOOD WIN IN FIRST GAME

DESPITE BIG EFFORTS by John and Alec Pearce, Hong Kong Cricket Club were unable to stave off defeat against Free Foresters, who won their first game as a club in Hong Kong by 126 runs.

Leading by 107 runs on the first innings, Free Foresters declared their second innings closed when they had scored 132 for 5. Perry and Grose again made useful scores.

Despite innings of 30, by A. and 35 by J. L. C. Pearce, Club could only total 113 in their second venture.

FREE FORESTERS 1st Innings .. 279

SECOND INNINGS	
Capt. D. C. E. Grose, c Haymes, b Lloyd	35
A. E. Perry, b J. L. C. Pearce	43
P. T. Skipworth, b Fay	14
Capt. G. E. Godby, c Lloyd, b Fay	12
Major H. A. J. Petri, not out	19
Major W. G. Harvey, c J. L. C. Pearce, b Fay	3
Col. M. S. Teverahan, not out	2
Extras (B4)	4

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 132

Capt. M. P. Weedon, D. McLellan, Major H. W. M. Stewart, Lt. Comdr. Finnie did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 44 (Grose) 2 for 62 (Skipworth) 3 for 92 (Godby) 4 for 116 (Perry) 5 for 119 (Harvey).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay	12	0	61	3
Lloyd	7	0	32	1
J. L. C. Pearce	5	0	35	1

HONG KONG C.C.—1st Innings

J. E. Richardson, lbw., b Perry	32
T. V. N. Fortescue, c Godby, b Harvey	6
T. A. Pearce, c and b Perry	58
D. Carey lbw., b McLellan	1
J. L. C. Pearce, c Weedon, b Finnie	10
B. C. Fay, c Grose, b Harvey	4
D. I. Bosanquet, c Weedon, b McLellan	4
A. K. Mackenzie, lbw., b Harvey	0
N. D. Lloyd, st. Grose, b McLellan	33
F. L. M. Haymes, st. Grose, b McLellan	17
D. S. Robb, not out	1
Extras (B5, WB1)	6

Total 172
Harvey bowled a wide ball.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 8 (Fortescue) 2 for 97 (T. A. Pearce) 3 for 98 (Richardson) 4 for 98 (Carey) 5 for 116 (J. L. C. Pearce) 6 for 116 (Fay) 7 for 116 (Mackenzie) 8 for 135 (Bosanquet) 9 for 171 (Haymes) 10 for 173 (Lloyd).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey	10	3	28	3
Skipworth	4	0	40	0
Perry	9	2	36	2
McLellan	8	1	42	4
Finnie	5	1	20	1

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings

J. E. Richardson, c Grose, b Harvey	4
D. Carey, c Weedon, b McLellan	5
T. A. Pearce, c Perry, b McLellan	30
M. F. L. Haymes lbw., b Perry	5
J. L. C. Pearce, c McLellan, b Finnie	35
D. I. Bosanquet, b McLellan	8
N. D. Lloyd, b Perry	6
B. C. Fay, c Weedon, b Finnie	3
A. K. Mackenzie, b Harvey	11
D. S. Robb, not out	5
Extras (NB2)	2

(Total for 9 wks.) 113

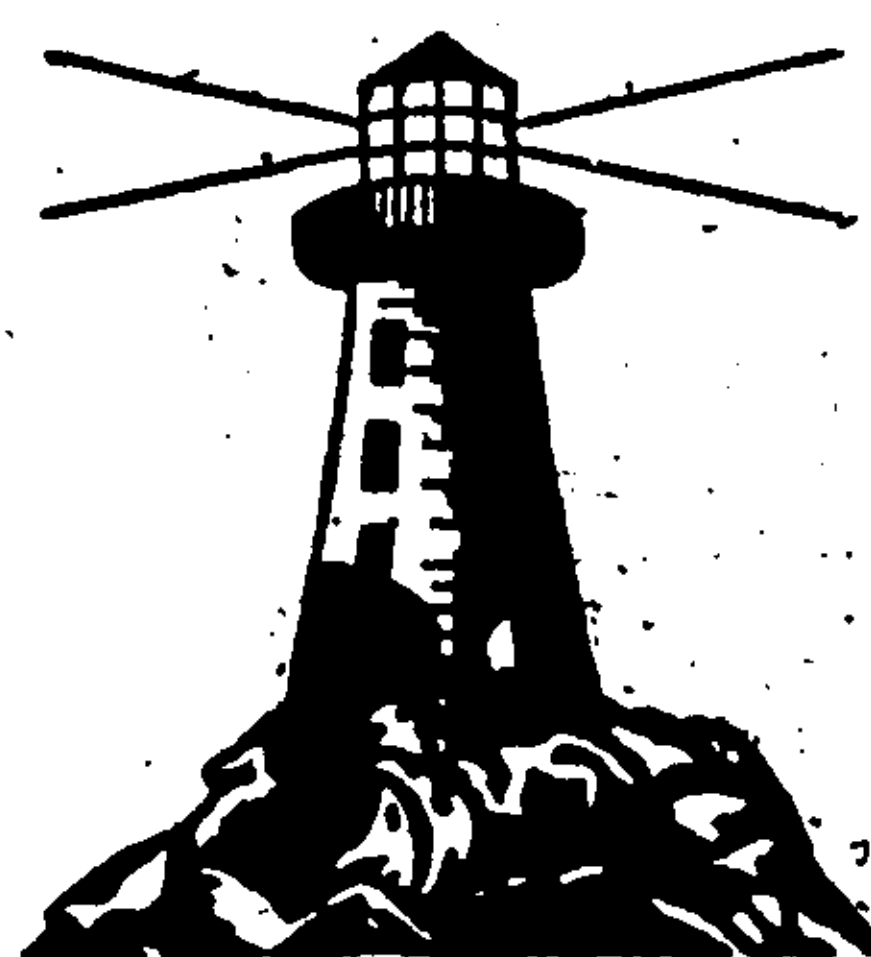
T. V. N. Fortescue absent.

Lt. Comdr. Finnie bowled 2 no balls.
Fall of wickets:—1 for 4 (Richardson) 2 for 38 (T. A. Pearce) 3 for 43 (Carey) 4 for 45 (Haymes) 5 for 54 (Bosanquet) 6 for 61 (Lloyd) 7 for 83 (Fay) 8 for 107 (Mackenzie) 9 for 113 (J. L. C. Pearce).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey	4	0	45	2
Perry	7	1	23	2
McLellan	5	1	28	3
Finnie	2	0	15	2

"Y" Ladies will have to find a new inside-left for their next few matches as Mrs. S. Gardner left last week-end for Japan.



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Fox-Trot—Love's Just A Melody (from 'Stop-Go').

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

8.00 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata No. 9 In A Major, Op. 47 ("Kreutzer Sonata"). Cortot (Piano) and Thibaud (Violin).

6.32 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.34 p.m.—Songs by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
Say You Will Not Forget (film 'Lullaby').
Venetian Serenade (film 'Lullaby').
Come Back To Me (film 'Lullaby').

6.44 p.m.—Tangos.
Venetian Night (Jezewski); A Song Without Words (Mohr, Richter) Emil Roosz & His Orchestra.
Llorar Y Reir (Llossas); Clásico (Llossas) Juan Llossas & His Orchestra.
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7.00 p.m.—Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Quickstep—You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere; Fox-Trot—Sunset in Vienna (from same); Waltz—If You Only Knew (from 'Crest of the Wave'); Quickstep—Why Isn't It You? (from 'Crest of the Wave'); Rumba—El Capullito De Aleli; Waltz—Alice Blue Gown; Tango—My Lost Love; Quickstep—On The Isle Of Kitchimboko; Fox-Trots—Star Dust; Chinatown, My Chinatown.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.08 p.m.—Strauss—Le Beau Danube—Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.30 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.
Allegro (Fiocco, arr. Bent and O'Neill); Pale Moon—Indian Love Song (Logan, arr. Kreisler); The Child and His Dancing Doll (Johnny Heykens) with Piano accomp. by Jack Byfield and Cello by Samehtini.

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 Chorus.
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 Baker, W. Lawson, A. Davies.
 Then Away They Go To An Island
 Fair.....D. Oldham, W. Lawson
 A. Davies, G. Baker and Chorus.
 9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Re-
 cent Events.
 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
 mary.
 9.20 p.m.—Supper—"Poet and Peasant"
 —Overture. The Band of H.M. Cold-
 stream Guards conducted by Lieut.
 R. G. Evans.
 9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on
 the Table".
 9.45 p.m.—Renara at the Piano.
 "Sweet Adeline" Piano Medley
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 "Glamorous Night" Waltz Medley
 (Ivor Novello).
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 do.....Juan Llozas & His Tang
 Orchestra.
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 hilee (film 'Every Day's a Holl-
 day')....Nat Gonella & His Geor-
 gians.
 Waltz—The Humming Waltz; Fox
 Trot—Penny Serenade....Manto-
 vani & His Orchestra.
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 Shoemaker's Holiday Jimmy
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 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ A 7 6 5
 ♣ Q 9 2

♠ Q 10 7
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ 2

♠ K J 9 8
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ K Q 10

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♠ K J 10
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 4 3

♠ —
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ A 6 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	1NT	2♠
2♠	2♠	4♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	5♦	Dbl.
Redbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened a spade and South discarded a club on dummy's Ace. Declarer played the trump Ace, then

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Without the double it is quite probable that South would have played for a trump break, in which case an immediate shift by East would have defeated the contract.

Saturday Oswald Jacoby was your partner and you held:

♠	K 9 7 4
♥	K 10 7
♦	K Q 5
♣	7 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	Yon	Schenken
1♠	Pass	(?)	

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QUESTION NO. 297
You are Merwin Maier's partner
to-day and hold:

♠ K K
 ♥ A 10 8 x x
 ♦ K x x
 ♣ x x x

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	Yon	Jacoby
1♠	2♥	(1)	

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SECOND TIME
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
The Apostolic Chancery is on fire for the second time within a few days. The Chancery is one of the most important buildings belonging to the Holy See and enjoys extra-territorial rights.

ARSON SUSPICION

After an hour's efforts the fire was extinguished in the larger part of the palace, but the right wing is still burning despite rain.

The church's priceless frescoes and pictures were badly damaged.

The Vatican and the Italian authorities are holding a joint enquiry. Arson is suspected.—Havas.

INCENDIARY THEORY

Rome, To-day.
Huge crowds watched the blaze, on the cause of which opinion in the Vatican is divided. One theory is that it was caused by a short circuit, another is that it was a case of incendiarism.

The Chancery is not within the precincts of Vatican City but is one of the most important pontifical buildings in Rome itself and enjoys extra-territoriality.—Reuter.

KREMLIN WAR CONFAB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.
Press reports state that an important war council held in the Kremlin recently decided to continue the war against Finland.

Several members of the council advocated acceptance of Finland's peace terms, but the majority insisted on the necessity of a mass offensive before Finland has time to receive important material assistance from abroad.

The increased Russian military activity in Finland is attributed to the War Council's decision. — Havas.

BALKAN STATES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Paris, To-day.
According to well-informed circles here, Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, is planning a conference of the four Balkan States at Belgrade this month. — Reuter.

TRAWLER SUNK

London, To-day.
Survivors of the trawler Barbara Robertson, sunk by a U-boat off the North of Scotland, have arrived at Fleetwood.

One life was lost, the rest of the crew being picked up by a warship after being 12 hours in a lifeboat which was sighted by a seaplane.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
The Ministry of Transport has resumed giving driving tests.

Seven thousand applications for tests have been received since the beginning of December. — Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
It is announced that Sir William Seeds, British Ambassador in Moscow, is coming to London on leave and will co-operate with Mr. William Strang, one-time chief British delegate to Moscow, in preparing publication of a White Book dealing with the Anglo-Franco-Russian negotiations. — Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.
The Tallinn correspondent of the "Politiken" reports that the OGPU (the Soviet police) have arrested several foreigners in Moscow alleged to be German students.

The correspondent also reports that important detachments of the OGPU's special detachments have been sent to Leningrad and Murmansk.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
A French Admiralty communique states: "A French destroyer has saved the crew and 200 passengers of the Spanish steamer Cabo San Antonio. Five are missing. The Chief of the Spanish General Staff was saved."

The vessel, a 12,000-ton transport, was homeward-bound from Buenos Aires and caught fire on December 29 when 5,000 miles from the Canary Islands.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
The State Department denies rumours that a new U.S. Ambassador is being appointed to Berlin. It is recalled that the Ambassador, Mr. Hugh Wilson, was ordered to return to "report to the President on the situation" following the anti-Semitic excesses in November last year.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
Counter-espionage measures are being enforced and the State Department has ordered all Americans residing abroad to have their fingerprints taken as soon as possible. Photostat copies of fingerprints will be sent to Washington and compared with registers there.—Havas.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.
Havas special correspondent yesterday visited the battlefield at Tolvaajarvi, where the Soviet troops were driven back 20 miles. While Tolvaajarvi village is almost intact, Aglajaarvi has been practically razed.

The territory is littered with the corpses of Red soldiers killed by Finnish machinegun fire.

It is apparent that the Red tried a mass attack in this sector. Most of the corpses are those of young men who probably belonged to crack regiments composed of members of the Communist youth organisation.

Havas saw over 30 destroyed tanks which still had the charred bodies of Red Army men inside. Several of the tanks were heading east when destroyed, indicating the Red retreat.

The corpses of emaciated horses can be seen near empty carts.

Thick snow is beginning to cover the battlefield, and the Finns are digging huge tombs for at least 1,000 corpses.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.
It is learned here that Lucien Ferrer, 19-year-old French Tientsin boy, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with palms for gallantry in action on the western front.

Ferrer, who volunteered late in 1938 in a colonial regiment in Paris, participated in a daring raid which resulted in the capture of a German machine gun.

Born in Tientsin on February 12, 1921 and educated at St. Louis College there, Ferrer is the youngest son in a family of 14.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
"Some states believe they can suppress the right of small states to exist but Finland is awakening the world's conscience," Mr. Gunther, the new Swedish Foreign Minister, declared in a broadcast.

"At the beginning of the New Year our first thought goes to Sweden's destiny. We are facing a threat to everything we cherish but our people are animated by an unshakeable will to preserve their right of self-determination."—Havas.

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